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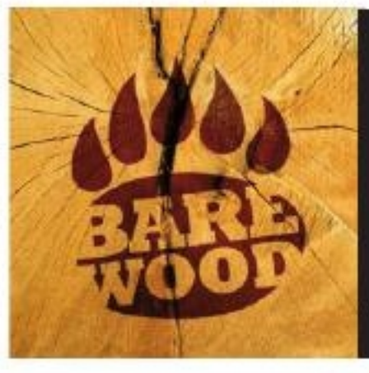

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Deal could be signed in Autumn for M&S store

TWO leading department stores are still in the running to be the anchors of the second phase of a Didcot shopping centre - developers revealed yesterday.

Uncertainty has clouded the £125million redevelopment of the Orchard Centre, which was announced in 2011, amid rumours talks had broken down over an anchor store.

However developers Hammerson confirmed last night that it was still in talks with "a number of well-known department store brands", believed to be M&S and Debenhams.

Russell Beresford, development manager for Hammerson, said: "We are currently in discussions with a number of well-known department store brands to attract an anchor for the scheme.

"At the same time we are also looking at potential scheme designs which could be delivered without a department store.

"Once we have certainty of an anchor store we will submit a planning application.

"We remain committed to delivering the right scheme for Didcot and fully appreciate that residents and shoppers are keen to see the Orchard Centre phase two come forward."

Anna Robinson, strategic director at South Oxfordshire District Council, confirmed talks were being held with M&S and hopes the cabinet can approve a scheme in the Autumn.

She added: "We did a presentation to M&S along with Hammerson which was well received and they are considering that at the moment.

"Didcot is trading really well so it is right for a phase two but we want to get the right anchor and M&S, because of their own challenges, weren't doing any developments for a time but we just had to be patient.

"I don't want to tempt fate but I am hoping by Autumn there will be a scheme there that I can take through to cabinet to seek approval to proceed."

The news comes as Didcot traders have spoken out about being left in the dark over the project.

Andrew Lee, owner of Didcot Calor & Paving Centre Ltd at Rich's Sidings on Lower Broadway, said: "We have no idea what is happening.

"It would be nice for someone of authority to come and speak to us or let us know in an open letter what the plans are."

Chris Notman, who owns Didcot Interpart on Lower Broadway, added: "It's just pointless because nothing ever happens and I've given up on it now.

"I just pretend that it is not going to happen and carry on focusing on our business until something concrete comes along."

By Jack Johnson
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Record-breaking charity tournament

A FOOTBALL tournament on Sunday for Oxford Children's Hospital was the biggest in the event's history.

Didcot-based fundraising group Play2Give held its eighth charity tournament at Oxford City FC in Marsh Lane.

Eighteen teams took part in Sunday's tournament held on the day Germany won the FIFA World Cup final.

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Jury sent out to decide on verdict for murder trial

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THE jury was sent out of court yesterday to decide verdicts on the Jayden Parkinson murder trial at Oxford Crown Court.

Ben Blakeley, of Christchurch Road, Reading, has admitted killing the Didcot teenager but denies murder – intending to kill her.

And on Monday it was revealed the 17-year-old who helped bury 17-year-old Jayden twice - in a field and a Didcot graveyard – is her killer's younger brother Jake Blakeley.

On trial in the witness box of Oxford Crown Court last week, Jake denied knowing that the holes he helped his 22-year-old brother Ben Blakeley dig were for Jayden's body.

Judge Patrick Eccles lifted a section 39 order of the Children and Young Person's Act barring his identification after press challenged the ban.

Jake, of Venners Water, Didcot, pleaded guilty to perverting the cause of justice but not guilty to preventing a lawful burial.

He helped dig Jayden's first grave in a ditch near Upton where Ben Blakeley killed his ex-girlfriend on December 5, and then another in a cemetery next to All Saints Church in Lydalls Road, Didcot.

Jayden was found in the grave of Ben's uncle Alan Kennedy 16 days after she went missing on December 3.

Jake said he thought the first grave was to hide weapons and the second was to bury a dog and a cat.

Prosecutor Richard Latham QC said: "Jake says he came to realise over the next few days that Ben had done something unlawful but he did not know what it was – just that he had done something.

"He accepts that he helped dig the grave over the remains of his uncle but had no idea what for.

"He says he believes it was for a dog and a cat that Ben had killed that belonged to a former girlfriend."

He added: "Jake knew what was going on."

Throughout the 19-day trial the jury heard evidence from witnesses including three of Ben's ex-girlfriends as well as Ben and Jake Blakeley themselves.

• *Jayden Parkinson*

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MOD centre could create 200 jobs in Bicester

CHERWELL District Council is continuing to negotiate with the Ministry of Defence over plans for a military centre that would lead to hundreds of jobs in Bicester.

The MOD has received consent to build the 'fulfillment' centre on land west of Arncott Hill - where they would consolidate their logistics operations in the town.

It is part of a wider application for up to 1,900 homes at the MOD's Graven Hill site, which they are in the process of selling to the council.

Around 420 personnel are currently employed across four MOD sites in Bicester, but they say the plans could lead to the creation of 200 extra jobs.

Barry Wood, leader of Cherwell District Council, said: "We have now exchanged contracts with the MOD, and a lot of work is taking place behind the scenes to ensure we are ready once we do acquire the site.

"But alongside all of this, we are still working to secure the future of the fulfilment centre in Bicester.

"It will not only protect existing jobs in the town, but create hundreds more," he added.

Richard Mould, leader of Bicester town council, said: "Bicester is going through a rapid expansion phase and the provision of employment opportunities will be key for residents both now and in the future."

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Travel future

OXON: The last of seven meetings about transport plans for Oxfordshire takes place in Oxford next Wednesday.

Residents can quiz leader of Oxfordshire County Council Ian Hudspeth at County Hall in New Road about the council's vision for transport networks in Oxfordshire.

The Connecting Oxfordshire meetings were held over June and July after plans including a monorail alongside Oxford's ring road and the pedestrianisation of St Giles were unveiled in April.

The meeting starts at 7pm and runs until 8:30pm.

Sessions have already taken place in Banbury, Wantage, Bicester, Witney, Didcot and Henley-on-Thames.

A34 roadworks

OXON: The Highways Agency has reassured commuters that resurfacing works on the A34 will not lead to disruption.

Work began last night on a one-mile stretch of the northbound carriageway between Milton and Chilton interchange.

The Highways Agency say the resurfacing will be carried out between 10pm and 6am and take five days, while the southbound carriageway will also be worked on between July 23 and 27.

Guy Watts, Highways Agency project sponsor, said: "We have carefully planned the work to minimise disruption."

Diversions are in place via the A4185 and A4130.

Move to church

ASTON: Proposals to relocate Aston Post Office from its High Street branch to Cote Baptist Church have been launched.

The move is being suggested due to the resignation of the present subpostmaster and the withdrawal of the current premises from the Post Office's use from July 31.

A new service would run on three days a week, with the Post Office saying this provides "the best possible solution" in offering services in Aston.

It would be open from 9am to noon on Mondays and Wednesdays, and from noon to 3pm on Fridays.

Farmoor up for award

AN OXFORDSHIRE trout fishery has been shortlisted for a national award which recognises support for disabled anglers.

Farmoor Reservoir is up against five other sites nationwide for the Alan Faulkner Memorial Award, run by the Wheelyboat Trust – a charity that encourages disabled people to take up water-based activities by providing suitable boats.

The award is presented annually to the fishery that provides disabled anglers with the most outstanding service, facilities, opportunities and access.

Andy Beadsley, CEO of the trust, said: "We are excited to announce that Farmoor Reservoir is on the shortlist.

"They have shown a real dedication to ensure that anglers with disabilities are welcomed and given the same opportunity as their able-bodied counterparts."

The winner of the award is set to be announced at the CLA Game Fair tomorrow, which is being held at Blenheim Palace in Woodstock.

A four-stroke outboard motor worth almost £1,000 will be presented to the winners.

Farmoor launched their first disabled access Wheelyboat, which provides a specialised boat for wheelchair users, five years ago on the reservoir to mark the 25th anniversary of the trust.

Hopes for town fair becoming 'big event'

DIDCOT Town Fayre returns for a second year on Saturday, and civic leaders are hoping it will one day become a much bigger event.

The fair, organised by the town council, will be held at Edmonds Park from 11am with live music from 6pm to 9pm.

The event gives local groups the opportunity to fundraise and enhance their own profile within the town and wider area.

Didcot councillor Axel MacDonald, who sits on the fair committee, said: "The aspiration is that it will get bigger and maybe more than a day, but we're just taking into account the local residents and the impact it can have on them.

"But the town deserves to have these sort of events and I think it is right that the council organises something like this.

"We have the Christmas fair in the winter so it is nice to fill the summer."

The council held the first fair last summer and asked for feedback from the public.

Areas outlined for improvement were the layout of the stands, the size of the beer tent, the addition of a tea and coffee stand and for more bins to be placed around the park.

There will also be parking on the field to alleviate traffic problems on Park Road and Newlands Avenue.

Cllr MacDonald added: "We have spent more time trying to plan the layout this time.

By Jack Johnson
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"We have listened to what the feedback was after the last fair and we feel that we have addressed various issues.

"Providing the ground and the weather is up to it we are hoping to have parking on the site to prevent that burden for local residents.

"It's going to be a £1 charge but I think, considering we are not charging any entry fee to the event, it's good value."

Groups such as the Didcot Community Gospel Choir and the Grove and Didcot Gymnastics Club will give demonstrations.

There will also be a simulated bomb disposal by 11EOD, a dog show organised by the Deaf Dog Network, a falconry display by Millets Farm, a baking competition, as well as an inflatable slide, beer tent and hog roast.

Didcot Things Choir, Didcot Girls School Choir, Lightspill, and the Crimps will perform.

• *(From left to right) Second World War reenactor Andrew Meardon, Cllr Axel MacDonald and town crier Anthony Church at last year's Didcot Town Fayre (Picture by Jack Johnson)*

Demolition could lead to dust cloud

THE scale of a dust cloud caused by the blow down of Didcot's southern cooling towers will be unknown until demolition day.

Energy company RWE npower plan to demolish the three towers on July 27 between 3am and 5am, 16 months after the station generated its last megawatt.

An exclusion zone will be in place around the towers during the demolition while Purchas Road and Milton Road will be temporarily closed.

Npower confirmed a fortnight ago that no residential properties are included in the exclusion zone and told the Oxfordshire Guardian this week that it is not possible to determine the size or direction of a dust cloud.

Spokesperson Kelly Brown said: "There will be dust as part of an explosive demolition process.

"There is no way of knowing how much or which way it will go until the actual day as weather is a large determining factor in where the dust will settle.

"However we have an exclusion zone around the station and we will be getting in touch with any local residents."

The timing of the demolition remains unchanged despite a petition to delay the process until 6am now reaching 2,976 signatures.

Petition organiser Christine Reardon sent the petition to npower last week.

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Promotion for MP in cabinet reshuffle

DIDCOT MP Ed Vaizey has been given a new role within the cabinet following a government reshuffle on Tuesday.

Prime Minister and Witney MP David Cameron announced the news on Twitter.

Vaizey, previously minister for culture, communication and creative industries, is now the minister for digital industries.

Mr Cameron tweeted: "Ed Vaizey becomes Minister responsible for digital industries."

Mr Vaizey was unavailable for comment as the Oxfordshire Guardian went to print last night.

You can read Mr Vaizey's monthly column on page 17.

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South Oxon housing plan consultation

RESIDENTS in south Oxfordshire have less than a week to voice their opinions on where new homes should be built in the district.

Earlier this year a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) revealed a need for between 14,500 and 16,500 homes in the south of the county by 2031.

The figures were 3,900 – 5,900 homes more than South Oxfordshire District Council's (SODC) Core Strategy had planned for in 2012.

SODC's consultation on adjusting the existing Local Plan closes on Wednesday, July 23, with residents asked to choose from eight options how to deal with the housing.

It could impact Didcot, Wallingford, Henley, Thame and neighbouring villages.

Angie Paterson, planning cabinet member, said: "This is one of the first stages of preparing the Local Plan 2031 and determining how additional houses are allocated.

"Plans can only be truly successful if they are rooted in local knowledge."

The consultation can be found at southoxon.gov.uk/newlocalplan.

Revamp of city square to start

By Jack Johnson
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A £5.5M redevelopment of Frideswide Square next to Oxford Station could start in September after the last of the funding was secured on Monday.

Oxford City councillors pledged to give Oxfordshire County Council £670,000 towards the project at a full council meeting at Oxford Town Hall.

It was the last contribution needed for the county council to go ahead with the scheme - which would see the sets of traffic lights replaced by two roundabouts at either end of the square.

Leader of the city council Bob Price said the transformation of Frideswide Square is "crucial" for Oxford.

He added: "It's the gateway into the city in terms of the traffic.

"It is so important to speed up the traffic at Frideswide Square by this system of roundabouts and boulevard.

• *Designs for the £5.5m revamp of Frideswide Square next to Oxford Station*

"Also from another point of view it is a place where 12 and a half million people come in every year to the train station.

"It is their first impression of Oxford and it is important that it looks better and feels better."

He added they could see a September start date for the preparatory work before the main building work begins early next year.

County Council spokesperson Martin Crabtree said: "We are now in the process of looking at materials and landscaping as we make progress on the final designs.

"Formal consultation on traffic regulation orders will be done through August and September and will reported for cabinet member decision on October 9."

• Councillors also approved an initial £320,000 budget towards a redevelopment of Oxpens for housing, offices, a hotel, local facilities and a public space.

• An additional £1.7m of funding will go towards the city tower block refurbishment project.

• The Northern Gateway Area Action Plan was approved for consultation, with the process ending in September. Cllr Price said the final submission document will be handed to the planning inspector in October.

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Man attacked

CHIPPING NORTON: A man's head was cut open as he was attacked with a sharp object in Churchill Road on Monday.

The offender then got into a car and drove off after the 12.30am assault.

The 24-year-old victim was left needing hospital treatment.

Police are appealing for anyone with information to call 101.

Battle Proms

WOODSTOCK: The 10th annual Battle Proms at Blenheim Palace raised £2,500 for veterans' mental health charity Combat Stress, it has been announced.

More than 6,500 people filled the palace grounds last Saturday for an open air picnic concert and Spitfire display overhead.

Ellie Hall, from Combat Stress, said: "We would like to offer our sincere thanks to the generous prommers."

Man found

WITNEY: A Polish man who went missing from Witney on Saturday was found safe and well on Monday afternoon.

Andrzej Jedryka, 52, from Thorney Leys was reported missing in the early hours of Saturday amid concerns for his welfare, before being found in the Witney area.

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Man robbed

OXFORD: Thieves asked a 33-year-old man for the time before robbing him of his bag and laptop.

The two men grabbed his bag from his shoulder - which had an Apple Macbook Pro in it - in Meadow Lane on July 3.

The victim let go as he was worried one of the offenders was carrying a weapon.

The men were Asian and about 20-years-old.

Cutting edge

OXFORD: The School of Arts at Oxford Brookes University is to become the first in the UK to teach with a newly-released high-resolution camera.

The Red Epic Dragon camera - to be used in film studies courses - shoots at nine times the resolution of high definition.

Charity golf

MILTON COMMON: A golfer who was semi-paralysed in a road accident is organising a tournament at The Oxfordshire golf club to raise money for a school development project in Namibia.

Graeme Mazur, 29, from Kent, is hoping to raise £5,000 at the golf tournament next Wednesday.

He said: "Some brain-injured people who have never played can get a lot of enjoyment and fulfilment seeing themselves making progress."

Snorkelling with Prince William

By Adam Flinn
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AN Appleton girl got the chance to go snorkelling with Prince William in London last week.

Amelia White, 13, took the plunge with Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, at the Oasis Lido in London's West End on July 9.

Amelia said: "He was confident in the water himself and he definitely knew what he was doing, so I was quite impressed with his snorkelling skills.

"I liked the bit when his dad threw the plastic crab we were using as part of the snorkelling session at him. It was funny and we were all laughing."

The event was to celebrate the presidency of the British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC) being handed over to Prince William from his father, Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales.

Prince William said: "It is a great honour to be here with my father to accept the role as President of the BSAC, continuing the presidency from my father and from my grandfather, the Duke of Edinburgh.

"I hope that one day my son, George, might follow in our footsteps.

• *Amelia White (far right) got to go snorkelling with Prince William in London*

"At the moment bathtime is quite painful but I imagine as he gets a little bit older, donning a snorkel and mask might calm him down."

Amelia added: "When I spoke to the Duke, he asked me how long I had been snorkelling and what qualifications I had."

Amelia was chosen as the young snorkelling champion for the Oxford BSAC branch.

Her mum Debbie had the chance to speak with Prince Charles while their children were in the pool.

She said: "He was asking about our club and the sorts of things we do to encourage children to the sport.

"Amelia and I feel really privileged to be part of the day and to meet both Royal Highnesses.

"It is something we will remember for a long time to come."

Prince William was presented with a BSAC President diving jacket, as well as a scuba diving t-shirt for his son George, at the event.

Number of jail officers is at 'breaking point'

THE number of prison officers based at Bullingdon Prison has dropped by 28 per cent in three years, latest figures show.

In September 2013, there were 190 officers at the prison, near Bicester – 73 less than there had been three years earlier.

The figures were released by the Howard League for Penal Reform, which showed that there are 1,589 fewer prison officers in the South East than in 2010.

Frances Crook, chief executive of the Howard League, said: "The prison system is at breaking point.

"Everyone should be concerned at the crisis in prisons as when people come out of jail, they are more likely to inflict more crime on us."

But the government's prisons minister Jeremy Wright disputed the findings.

He said: "These are flawed and inaccurate figures from a left wing pressure group which can't see past its dislike of this government.

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Burglary arrests

OXON: Six men from Oxford have been arrested following a series of burglaries in the city, Middle Barton and Chipping Norton.

The men, aged between 16 and 29, were arrested after 10 incidents were recorded overnight on June 30 and July 1.

Thefts and burglaries in Chipping Norton took place in Park Road and Marlborough Road, and in Crossway and Frances Road in Middle Barton.

In Oxford, the offences took place in Grebe Close and Westbury Crescent.

Offenders entered unlocked vehicles, garages and houses and stole items such as satellite navigation devices, loose cash and mobile phones.

All six who were arrested have been bailed until August 12, and anyone with further information is asked to contact PC Craig Vaughan on 101.

Book discussions

OXON: People across Oxfordshire are being invited to a series of 'Come Dine With Us' events as part of the county council's Summer Reading Challenge for adults.

Attendees will be able to discuss their favourite books over nibbles and drinks for free at five of the county's libraries in Oxford, Chipping Norton, Thame, Summertown and Carterton.

Contact the libraries for more information.

Further funding for transport in county

By Adam Flinn
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OXFORDSHIRE County Council has been given an extra £1million of government funding to help improve transport in southern Oxfordshire.

Money has been given to the council through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, and will be used to promote cycling, improving buses and fund a moped lease scheme.

It is hoped that the money will create sustainable transport across the Science Vale – particularly between Didcot, Harwell and Milton Park.

The announcement comes just a week after Oxfordshire was given £108m of Local Growth Deal funding to finance a number of different projects.

David Nimmo Smith, the county council's cabinet member for transport, said: "This is really good news and means that we can develop some really worthwhile projects, which will contribute to the success of the area.

"The money will all go towards sustainable transport and making alternatives to the car more feasible and attractive for the growing number of people that will be working there."

Money will be spent on several projects over the coming year, such as an upgrade to the bus service between Harwell Oxford Campus and Didcot Station.

There will also be upgrades and maintenance of the existing cycle routes, including new signage, as well as developing the network further.

A cycle hire scheme will also be launched, connecting Didcot Station with Harwell Oxford and Milton Park.

And a 'Wheels to Work' pilot initiative will be set up, offering moped lease and maintenance to young people not in education, employment or training.

Cllr Nimmo Smith added: "The recent Growth Deal money will help build new facilities, and the £1m will help us develop and promote cycling and public transport as an effective way to get around.

"I am particularly excited by projects such as the cycle hire scheme, bus route improvements, a 'wheels to work' scheme and journey planner, and I am sure they will capture people's imagination."

Unclaimed change helps charities

THREE Oxfordshire charities have benefited from change being left unclaimed by bus passengers.

Sobell House Hospice Charity, the Oxford Association for the Blind and Helen and Douglas House have received £566 each from Oxford Bus Company.

The money has come from passengers who paid for their fares with large denomination banknotes and the driver has given them a change receipt which can be exchanged for money.

However, in some cases the receipt, which can be handed in at travel centres in the High Street, Gloucester Green or Cowley House, have not been exchanged.

"It's an arrangement that works well on most occasions but sometimes, for whatever reason, the money is left unclaimed," said Phil Southall, the operations director of Oxford Bus Company

"We invite our staff to vote on which charities should receive the money."

Kelly Houghton, corporate fundraiser at Sobell House added: "The Hospice and its services are very important to the Oxfordshire community and it's a pleasure to be supported by Oxford Bus Company who want to give something back to their local community."

• *Oxford Bus Company's Jamie Hiscock (right) presents the cheques*

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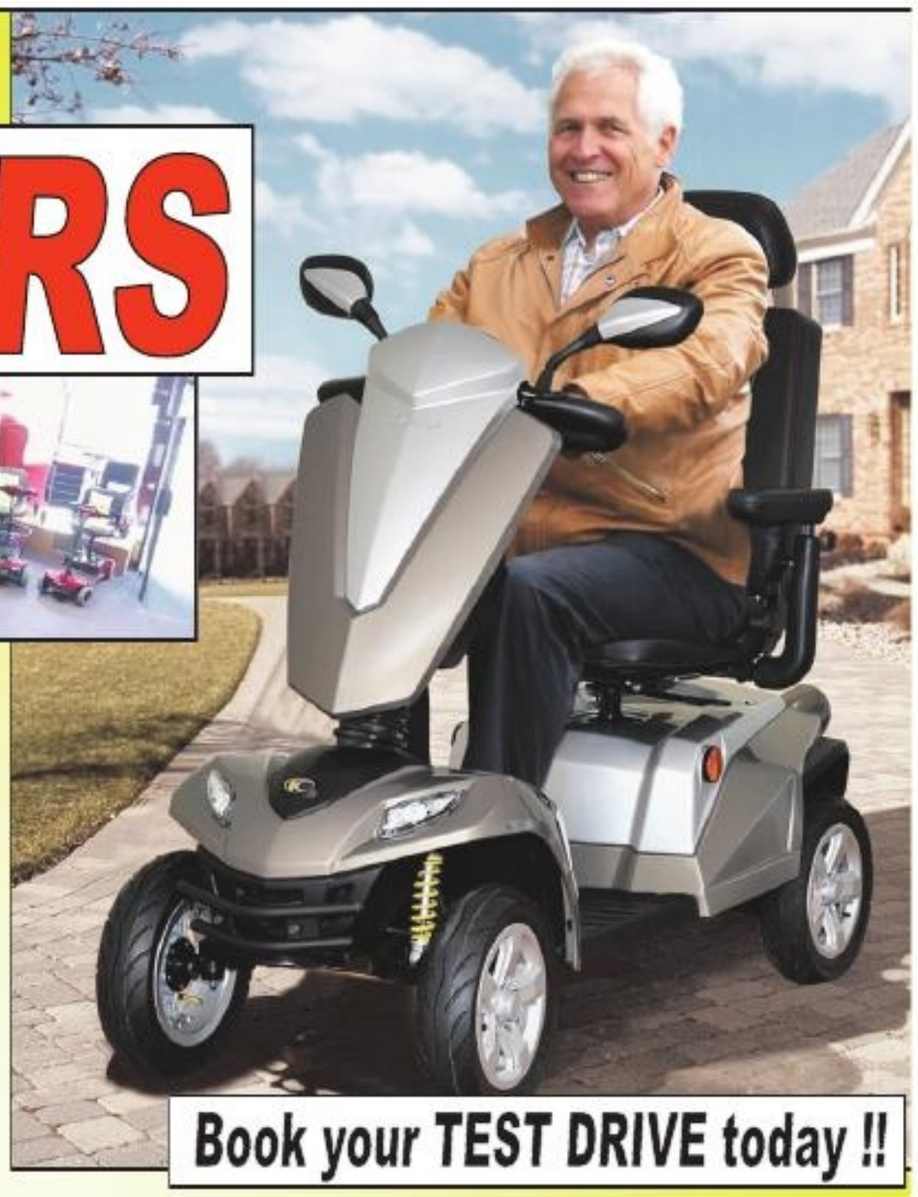

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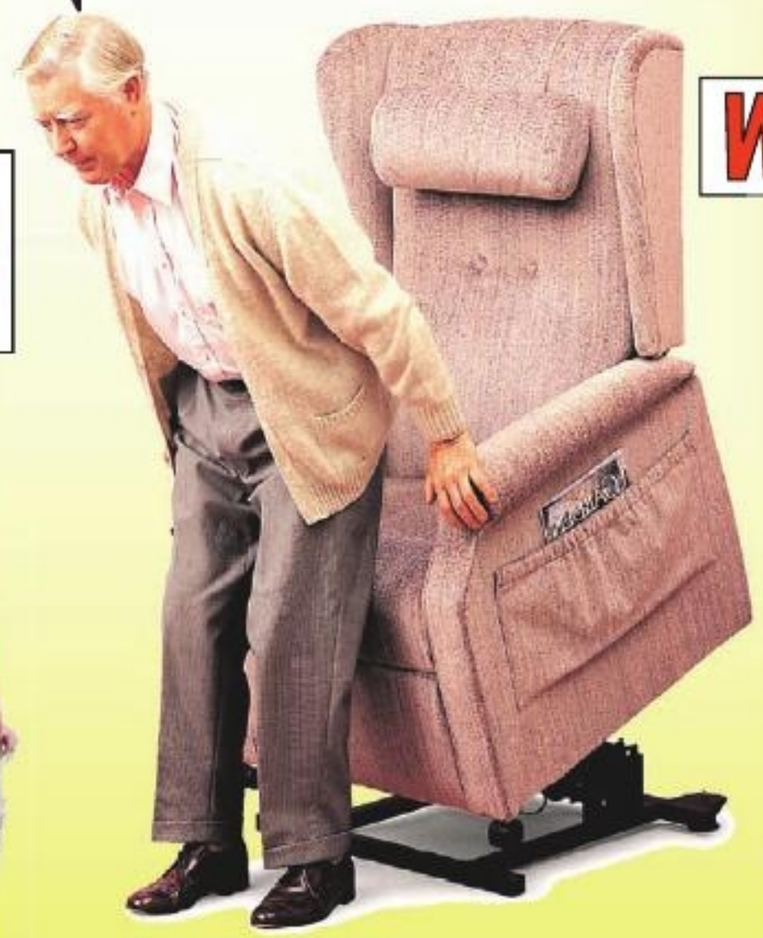

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World Cup feat to draw every player complete

By Jack Johnson
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A COUPLE from Oxford have become an Internet sensation after completing a World Cup sticker album by drawing every single player, stadium and team crest.

Alex and Sian Pratchett, who live in Iffley Road, aimed to draw all 639 stickers before last Sunday's final between Germany and Argentina.

And with 15 minutes to spare, Spain's Pedro was the last to be added to the album, completing the 32-day challenge.

The couple have become an Internet hit with their blog viewed by people in over 150 countries and their Twitter account attracting over 2,700 followers.

They nicknamed themselves 'Panini Cheapskates' - for drawing in the book made by Italian firm Panini, rather than buying the stickers.

Alex, 30, said: "We feel relieved that it is over, and that sounds like it wasn't fun, but it will be nice to get back to something approaching normality.

"It was just a silly thing to keep people amused while the World Cup was on and I think we did that so it is something to be proud of."

Throughout the tournament, the couple drew pictures whenever possible - finding a quiet spot during their lunch hour, taking pencils to barbecues and even on a hen do.

Alex, who described Holland's 5-1 battering of former champions Spain as "pretty jaw dropping", added: "I will certainly remember the tournament, but I don't know how much I will remember the actual games because we just stared at our laps most of the time.

• *Alex and Sian Pratchett with their sketch of the Ecuador team*

"There was a lot of football on our TV, but not a lot of attention paid to it unfortunately, but we did finish in time to sit and properly watch the final."

He continued: "I think by setting it up to be ridiculous and not taking ourselves in anyway seriously and knowing the pictures are terrible removes any possibility of anybody putting the boot in."

Alex and Sian are now considering what to do with the album.

"It feels like it will be a bit of a wrench to part with it," said Alex.

"It might be nice to share it with our baffled descendants but some people have suggested we should auction it."

With the new Premier League season due to start in just over four weeks, Alex said they have been asked if they can do another for the domestic clubs.

"If enough people ask us to do it we probably will end up doing it," he said.

• *Germany's Bastian Schweinsteiger*

• *Brazil's captain Thiago Silva*

• *Netherlands captain Robin van Persie*

Twitter comments from around the world:

Jude Clarke from Cambridge: *"You were genuinely one of the most brilliant things about a generally brilliant World Cup. Thank you! You've made me smile lots."*

Ilja from Amsterdam: *"Great work! I really enjoyed your contribution to world cup football history."*

Ana Maria Plata from Colombia: *"I'm really gonna miss your daily drawings ... I'm really gonna miss the world cup."*

Sonja Cori Missio from Toronto: *"Absolutely amazing! I want the whole Swiss team."*

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Story Museum

OXFORD: A week of pirate-themed fun is in store for young readers at The Story Museum in Pembroke Street from next Tuesday to July 27.

Sail Away Week at the museum will feature story-time at 3pm each day, a wooden boat for children to explore, and a demonstration by comics writer Neill Cameron on July 26 from 1pm to 5pm.

24-hour relay

OXFORD: An overnight fund-raiser honouring cancer survivors is being held at Oxford Rugby Club this weekend.

Relay For Life will see teams take it in turns to make their way round a track for up to 24 hours for Cancer Research UK.

It comes after the success of Race For Life last weekend, which saw more than 5,000 women run 5km at Oxford's University Parks.

Homelessness art

OXFORD: Artists who have experienced homelessness will be exhibiting work at the Old Fire Station from Saturday.

The Making Tracks display will be on show in the George Street centre.

Jeremy Spafford, director of arts at the Old Fire Station, said: "It is wonderful these people are seen as artists first and homeless people second, if at all."

Premier Inn deal struck

• *Architects designs for the Premier Inn*

PREMIER Inn has been confirmed as the hotel chain for a £100m redevelopment of West Way shopping centre in Botley.

The budget hotel chain features in a video of the proposed plans produced by developers Doric Properties on July 10.

Doric spokesperson Ellis Cresswell confirmed on Monday Premier Inn had signed a deal.

It joins Cineworld, which will operate a six-screen cinema, as confirmed businesses planned for the site.

But a supermarket planned for the site has not yet been revealed.

Doric submitted a planning application to Vale of White Horse District Council last December, but the plans were delayed for an Environmental Impact Assessment which was submitted in June.

By Jack Johnson
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The developers want to knock down West Way shopping centre, Elms Parade shops, Field House sheltered housing and the empty Elms Court office block to make way for a supermarket, cinema, hotel, health centre, gym, shops, 33 flats and 525 student rooms.

A walk-through video, which has received over 3,000 hits in a week, was produced following a request from North Hinksey Parish Council.

The video has been met with criticism by West Way Community Concern, which opposes the scale of the development.

Co-chair of the group Chris Church said: "If Doric expect this video to be taken seriously, they should offer a view that has some basis in reality.

"On Earth the sun doesn't move around like this and never shines from the north-east.

"All this is to conceal the fact that much of the north side and the east side will be in the shadow of this seven story monstrosity for much of the day."

"We have been contacted by people appalled at what they have seen and keen to help stop this inappropriate proposal.

"Along with over 800 other objectors, they recognise that Botley needs a better plan than this."

Doric said the response to the video has been "mixed" with "a lot of positive feedback from the younger generations".

Ms Cresswell added: "There is an excitement about bringing the youth and community facilities in and the idea it will bring this heart to the community people have called for so many years."

The plans are expected to go to planning committee in early Autumn.

• *Plans for the piazza*

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It was an honour to extend a welcome to HRH Prince Michael of Kent as reviewing officer of the parade.

In the last month we have discussed a couple of important SODC public consultations, one covering initiatives to improve the air quality in the town, and another on the Local Plan 2031, which sets out the options available to SODC to meet future housing need - this consultation will determine the future size and shape of our town.

We are making improvements in our open spaces, including the addition of handrail in the Castle Gardens to help those with restricted mobility, and the reintroduction of picnic tables in the Bullcroft.

We plan to extend the opening times of the Castle Gardens to 7pm during the summer months. We continue to review alternatives for the development of our community properties, particularly the Regal Centre and Bullcroft sites.

On July 9 we were delighted to formally receive the keys to the redeveloped Wigod Centre. This project, led by the town council, will provide a permanent base for the provision of services for children and families in the town.

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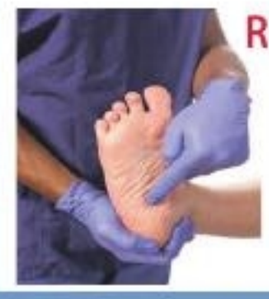

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Reshuffle for councillors and wards in Cherwell

By Lauren Kinnaird
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PLANS to cut the number of Cherwell District Council wards and councillors from 2016 have been revealed.

Members attended a meeting on July 7 to discuss a new proposed structure of the council as part of a Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) review.

The district council's recommendation to reduce the number of councillors from 50 to 48 has already been agreed by the LGBCE.

Cherwell's plan to reduce 28 existing wards to 16, which would be represented by three councillors, has also been approved by the commission.

Barry Wood, leader of Cherwell District Council, said: "There are 28 wards across Cherwell, some of which are represented by one member and others by as many as three.

"This has created some imbalance in the number of electors each councillor represents and so to make it equal, we are undertaking this review.

"The proposed new structure will mean every ward will be represented by three councillors."

Currently, electors in Banbury are split across six wards represented by 16 councillors.

However, under the proposed restructure, the boundary lines will also be amended so 15 councillors will be equally shared over five wards.

In Bicester, the total number of councillors will be increased from 11 to 12, however the numbers of wards will be reduced from five to four.

Kidlington will keep its two wards, but increase the number of councillors from five to six to accommodate three members each.

Across more rural areas, 15 existing wards will have to be cut to only five with the number of members reducing from 18 to 15.

Each district councillor will be elected for four years with one third of all members up for election each year with no voting on the fourth year.

The proposed restructure will now be considered by the LGBCE and findings will be revealed in a public consultation later this year.

New garden for Oxford nursery

AN OXFORD nursery has opened its newly refurbished garden in time for summer.

The Oxford Station nursery's new garden has artificial grass, a sandpit, and a 'mud kitchen'.

The designs are planned to inspire imagination and creativity for children.

It was opened at a tea party last week with parents and children enjoying baked cakes and refreshments at the Roger Dudman Way nursery.

The garden project follows a survey of 600 people by owners Co-operative Childcare, showing children normally spend two thirds less time playing outdoors than their parents used to.

The project is part of a £90,000 investment by Midcounties Co-operative in Oxfordshire nurseries, with sites in Rosehill, Carterton and Blackbirds Leys also benefiting from garden renovations.

Nursery manager Victoria Shott said: "We're pleased to unveil it in time for the summer months, and the children are already having great fun exploring their new surroundings."

Mike Abbott, group general manager at the Co-operative Childcare, added: "The new garden at Oxford Station allows us to reinforce our commitment to this philosophy, further aiding the development of the children in our care."

• *(From left to right) Eileen May, Jacub Walczak, Ella Wollings, Francesco Zampogna, Aide Garcia Antuna, and Ollie Murray Rodriguez at last week's tea party*

News Bites

Table tennis

OXFORD: Ping pong tables will be popping up all over the city over the next five weeks as part of a nationwide festival.

The tables started to appear on Saturday and will be in Gloucester Green, University Parks, Hinksey Park, Cowley Recreation Ground, Templars Square Shopping Centre and Oxsrad Inclusive Sports Centre.

There will also be a table outside Westgate Shopping Centre today to mark National Table Tennis Day.

Sent to space

OXFORD: Space equipment built by researchers at Oxford University has been sent up into orbit.

A Compact Modular Sounder instrument, used to create thermal maps of asteroids, was sent up into space on July 8 from Kazakhstan.

Dr Neil Bowles, a member of the team that built the instrument, said: "We have studied, built and tested a number of thermal mapping instruments for missions to asteroids but have not had the opportunity to test them in space, until now."

Garden theft

FARINGDON: Thieves broke into a greenhouse in Coxwell Street between 5.30pm on July 4 to 6.30pm on July 5 and stole a Stihl garden strimmer.

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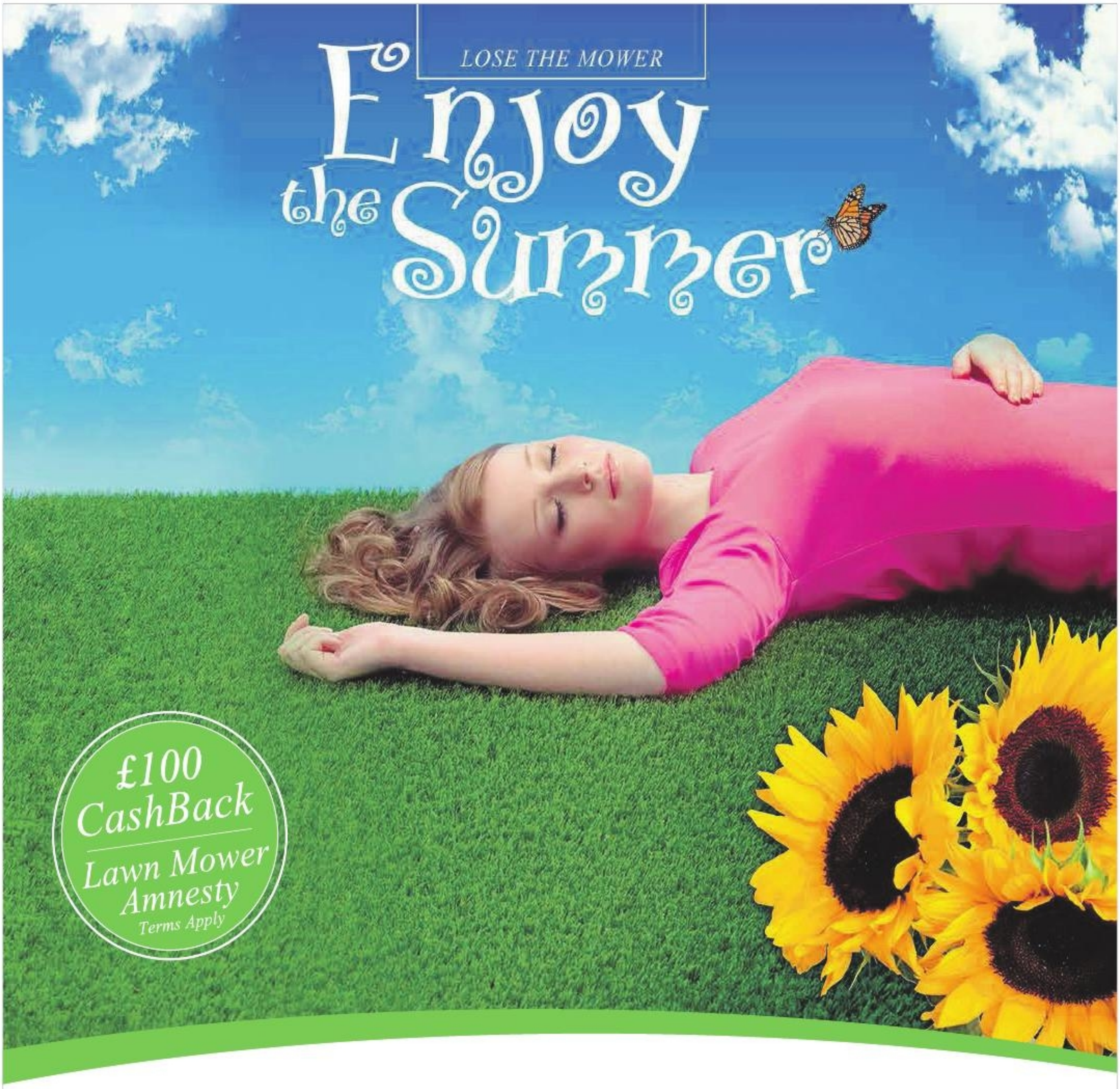

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Charity football event beats world cup blues

A FOOTBALL tournament on Sunday for Oxford Children's Hospital was the biggest in the event's history.

Didcot-based fundraising group Play2Give held its eighth charity tournament at Oxford City FC in Marsh Lane.

Eighteen teams took part in Sunday's tournament held on the day Germany won the FIFA World Cup final.

Children from across Oxfordshire beat England's World Cup blues to take part in the day.

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Founder Andrew Baker, 26, from Didcot, said: "It was an amazing day and another amazing success. It was the best kids tournament so far.

"It was really packed with all the boys coming with their siblings and their families.

"Hopefully, fingers crossed, the money will be just as amazing."

Play2Give has so far raised £1,400 from Sunday's tournament, with sponsorship and raffle money to be added to the total in the next few weeks.

It raised £4,812 for the Headley Way hospital last year.

Hinksey Park Youth won the under 9s trophy and Oxford City Blues claimed the under10s title.

It was the third year the event was children-only after being launched as an adult contest.

Oxford United stars Max Crocombe and Callum O'Dowda also attended the event.

Hospital spokesman Sarah Vaccari said: "We are incredibly grateful to all the Play2Give team for putting on such a fantastic event and in particular to the hundreds of children who took part and helped raise so much money for the children's hospital.

"Events like this make a real difference allowing us to buy much more advanced medical equipment and fund more cosy and comfortable surroundings for our young patients."

• *(From left to right) Play2Give football tournament co-ordinator Dale Harris, Oxford United goalkeeper Max Crocombe and Andrew Baker, along with all the children who took part in Sunday's event*

MP's Corner

Ed Vaizey
MP for Wantage and Didcot

Tower demolition should be 6am

READERS of the Oxfordshire Guardian may have noticed there has been considerable comment about the planned demolition of the first three cooling towers at Didcot A Power Station.

The general view from many of my constituents is whether you like them or loathe them, the 'blow down' of the towers is a major once-in-a-lifetime event many want to be able to see.

Clearly, the safety of the public is the first priority, and neither I nor anyone else has ever disagreed with that.

That said, since the demolition of the towers between 3am and 5am on Sunday, July 27, was first announced at the end of June, by RWE Npower and contractors Coleman & Company, a local campaign to get the time changed has gathered huge pace.

The petition set up by Didcot resident Christine Reardon has gained more than 2,800 signatures.

That range of response is indicative of the strength of feeling and I have done my best to represent my constituents' views.

I have also been in touch with agencies and authorities who may be involved, many of whom have said that in principle there are no safety or other grounds for which rule out a planned time of 6am.

As far as safety is concerned I cannot yet see the difference between a blow down at 6am and between 3am and 5am.

I remain hopeful the spectacle that will take place on July 27 can be made accessible to all my constituents who want to see it moved to 6am - all the evidence is that this can be done entirely safely.

News Bites

Book club

OXON: Countywide charity Bookfeast is asking over 60s what their favourite book is for a project to promote their 'Teabooks' older reading groups.

Readers can fill out a survey from July 21 until September 8 about their favourite novels at the county's libraries, where they will be entered into a £25 voucher draw for afternoon tea at the Randolph Hotel.

Results will be published on October 1.

Business contest

OXON: Entrepreneurs in Vale of White Horse can win at least £25,000.

The Spark Vale competition, by Vale4Business and Bybox, is split into best business growth idea over all , and under 25s, and over 25s categories.

The competition closes in November. To find out more visit sparkvale.co.uk.

Journals online

OXON: Residents are now able to scroll through millions of journal articles online.

Oxfordshire County Council's library service, Publisher Licensing Society and Society of Chief Librarians, has linked to a system that allows online access to research.

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Passing through historic York we cross the River Ouse with magnificent views of the Minster towering over the city, then cross the Vale of York and follow the River Derwent past Kirkham Abbey with views of the North Yorkshire Moors and through Malton to the delightful seaside resort of Scarborough for an afternoon break.

Scarborough was Britain's first resort and has been welcoming visitors for 360 years with its two long curved sandy bays, ancient Castle, beautiful gardens, Victorian Cliff Railway and historic harbour surrounded with numerous fresh seafood stalls there is plenty to see and do – don't forget to sample the legendary Yorkshire fish n chips rightly regarded as the best in Britain. Our train departs in the late afternoon and we re-trace the outward route for the journey homeward.

As an alternative to visiting Scarborough we have an optional tour by alighting at Malton and joining road coaches for the short transfer to beautiful Castle Howard, magnificent in its scale and beauty it is rightly regarded as one of England's finest historic houses with a treasure trove of inspiring architecture and artworks, whilst outside the gardens include statues, temples, lakes and fountains all awaiting discovery - Seating is limited so early booking is advised: ***Supplement. £20 per person***

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First Class Reserved seating is arranged in groups of 4 or 2 around a table in open carriages with additional legroom, wide seats and panoramic windows. A buffet bar is available throughout most of the journey for the purchase of hot & cold beverages, snacks and alcoholic drinks. It is in order to bring on board your own hamper and picnics for consumption on or off the train should you so desire. ***Adult £115, Party of 4 £440*** *Guaranteed window tables for 2 are available at a supplement of £20 per person*

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• Dean-based musician Craig Ogden's new album goes to number one. See overleaf.

Craig's a chart-topper

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Guitarist tops classical chart

CLASSICAL guitar player Craig Ogden's new album 'Summer Guitar' has gone straight to the top of the classical charts – his third record to do so.

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

The musician, who lives in Dean, near Charlbury, replaced Italian composer Ludovico Einaudi's 'Islands' at the top of the chart on July 6.

It follows Craig's two previous albums 'The Guitarist' and 'Summertime', with both also shooting to the top when they were released in 2010 and 2011 respectively.

And he says he has kept the concept of relaxing music in his latest release.

"It's really aimed at people who want to stick it on while they're in the garden, cooking, or just enjoying the weather," said Craig.

"There's real variety there, so hopefully there's something for everyone, and a nice mixture of solo guitar and guitar with string accompaniments as well.

"It's never possible for everybody to love every single piece of music on a CD, but we hope that the variety will make it appeal to the broadest range of people possible."

Australian-born Craig started playing the guitar as a child in his hometown of Perth, before trying his hand at percussion and playing in orchestras.

He thinks starting at a young age helped him develop his skills, and it was aged seven Craig realised that he naturally preferred playing the classical style as opposed to folk.

"From that I nagged my mum to have guitar lessons," he said.

"Although my first teacher taught folk and classical, I gravitated towards and really enjoyed the finger picking style of classical.

"I just got naturally exposed to it, and the more you get to know something like that, the more you appreciate and enjoy it."

• Craig Ogden

The Crickettes

ALL-GIRL guitar band The Crickettes play the music of The Golden Age of Guitar Instrumentals in their new show at Henley's Kenton Theatre on Saturday.

Lead guitarist Zoe McCullough has been playing since she was 11.

It begins at 7.45pm, and tickets can be booked at kentontheatre.co.uk.

King Lear

SHAKESPEARE'S classic play King Lear comes to the Oxford Playhouse from Tuesday, with 14 shows scheduled until August 3.

King Lear is weary of his royal duties, and proposes to break up his kingdom and divide it among his three daughters, but his rash generosity is cruelly repaid.

For a full list of show times, go to oxfordplayhouse.com.

Tribute show

TRIBUTE band 'And Finally... Phil Collins', recognised last year at the National Tribute Awards, perform at Chipping Norton Theatre tomorrow.

The two hour show features classic songs including 'Another Day In Paradise', 'In The Air Tonight' and 'Easy Lover' alongside a 10-piece line-up of musicians.

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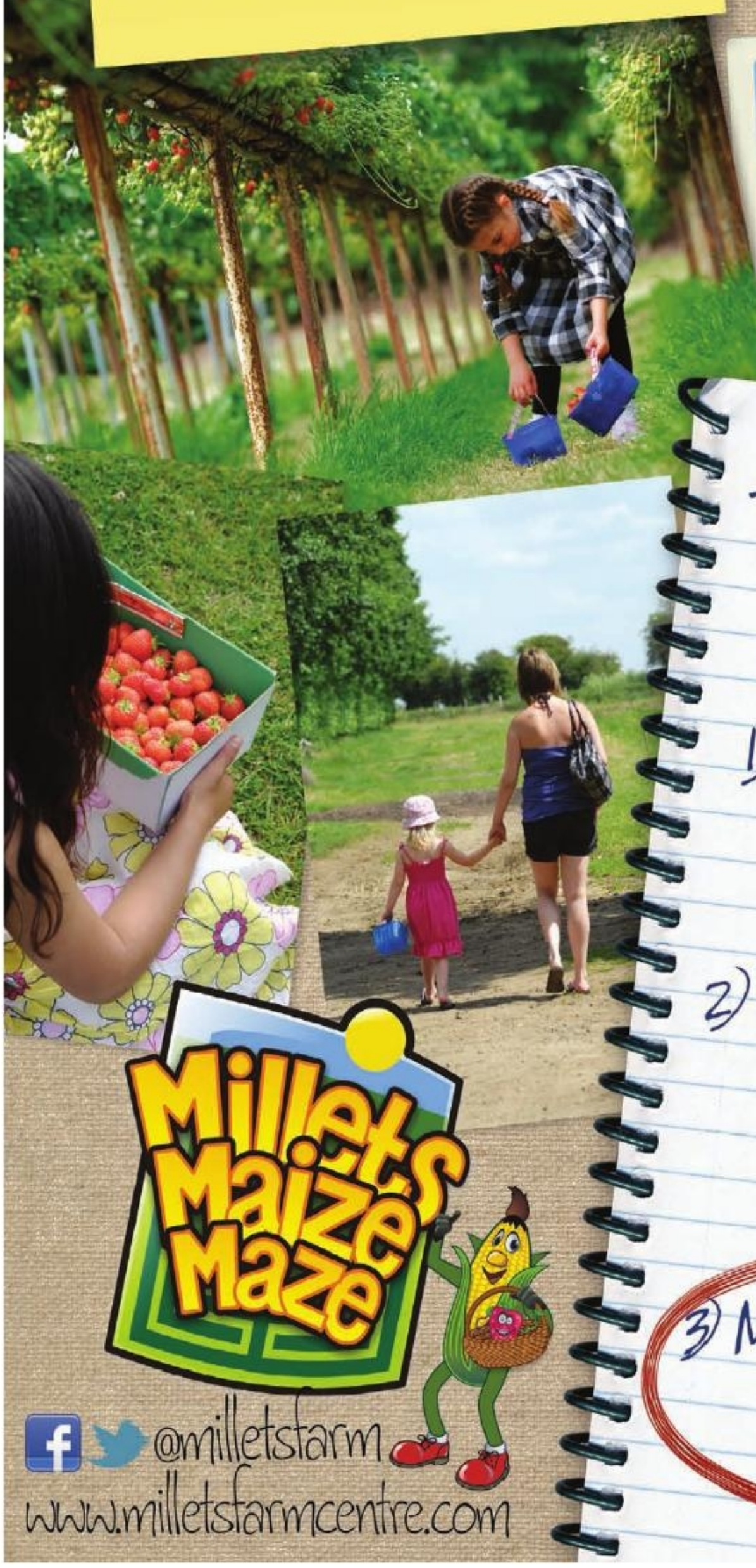

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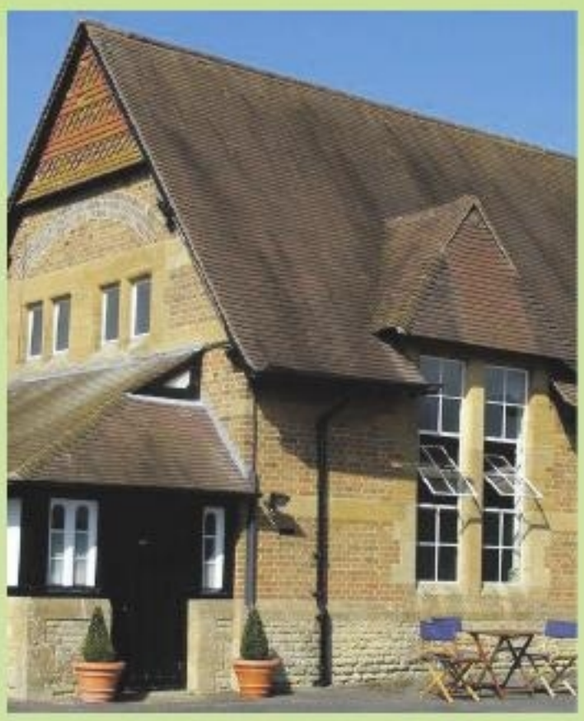

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August

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Tour stop-off

ACOUSTIC singer songwriter Mike Dignam brings his UK tour to Oxford's O2 Academy tomorrow evening.

Mike is often compared to artists including James Morrison and Jason Mraz, and is releasing his new EP 'It Was Written' next month.

Doors open at 6pm. For more details, go to o2academyoxford.co.uk.

Internet age

AWARD-WINNING radio host Adam Buxton makes his Oxford debut at the North Wall Arts Centre tomorrow night.

Adam looks within the soul of his laptop in his new show 'Kernel Panic', and considers how people present themselves in the net age.

The show begins at 8.30pm. Go to thenorthwall.com for more information.

Piano comedy

MUSICAL comedy duo Worbey and Farrell come to the Didcot Cornerstone on Saturday, with their new show 'Deviations on the Piano'.

The show blends comedic banter with duelling piano work that's suitable for adults and older children alike.

It starts at 8pm, and more details are at cornerstone-arts.org.

Blenheim Palace game fair

MORE than 150,000 people are expected at Blenheim Palace this weekend for the CLA Game Fair, to celebrate the Great British countryside.

The fair is widely considered to be the biggest event in the country calendar.

By **Adam Flinn**
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This will be the fifth year it has been staged at Blenheim.

Countryfile presenters John Craven and Adam Henson will be giving talks, while TV gardener Alan Titchmarsh will be offering guided walks through the estate's ancient woodland.

And former England rugby captain Phil Vickery and JLS singer JB Gill will also be in attendance to promote the 'Walk a Country Mile' campaign, encouraging people to explore the countryside.

CLA Game Fair director Tony Wall said: "The 2014 fair is going to be a fantastic celebration of the Great British countryside, full of the best in rural and equestrian sports, country clothing, food and entertainment.

"As well as the competitions, talks and displays, there are more than 55,000 square metres of trade stands for shopping, eating and to talk with the experts in their fields.

"Preparations on site have been going very well, and we are looking forward to welcoming exhibitors and visitors from around the world when it opens."

A number of competitions will also be running at the fair, including the British Championship of the lumberjack sport Timbersports.

Fishing, clay shooting and working dogs will also feature, as well as a top level polo match on Saturday evening.

Cookery demonstrations from renowned chefs Valentine Warner and Mike Robinson will be held, along with the final of the Game Chef of the Year.

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An acclaimed performer, Stuart has gone on to share the stage with many of the world's greatest acoustic guitarists including Martin Taylor MBE, Eric Roche, Thomas Leeb and Jon Gomm, all of whom he is proud to count as friends.
Several of Stuart's previous students have also gone on to become prominent players themselves such as Youtube sensation Mike Dawes and 'Acoustic Guitarist of the Year 2011' Will McNicol. Stuart's music has also ended up in some unlikely places – Lamb vocalist/songwriter Lou Rhodes was so impressed with Stuart's study pieces that she used one of them in her track 'Rounds' from Lamb's 2011 album '5.'
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16 Aug 2014,3:30 pm-5:30 pm
Music at the Barn, Witney
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Least quick (7)
5 Chooses (5)
8 Song (4)
9 Obvious (8)
10 Period of the French Revolution (5,2,6)
13 Fairy (4)
14 Thick paper (4)
17 Resolution (13)
19 Disinfectant (8)
20 Taverns (4)
21 Live as a paying guest (5)
22 Embraced (7)

Quick Clues Down

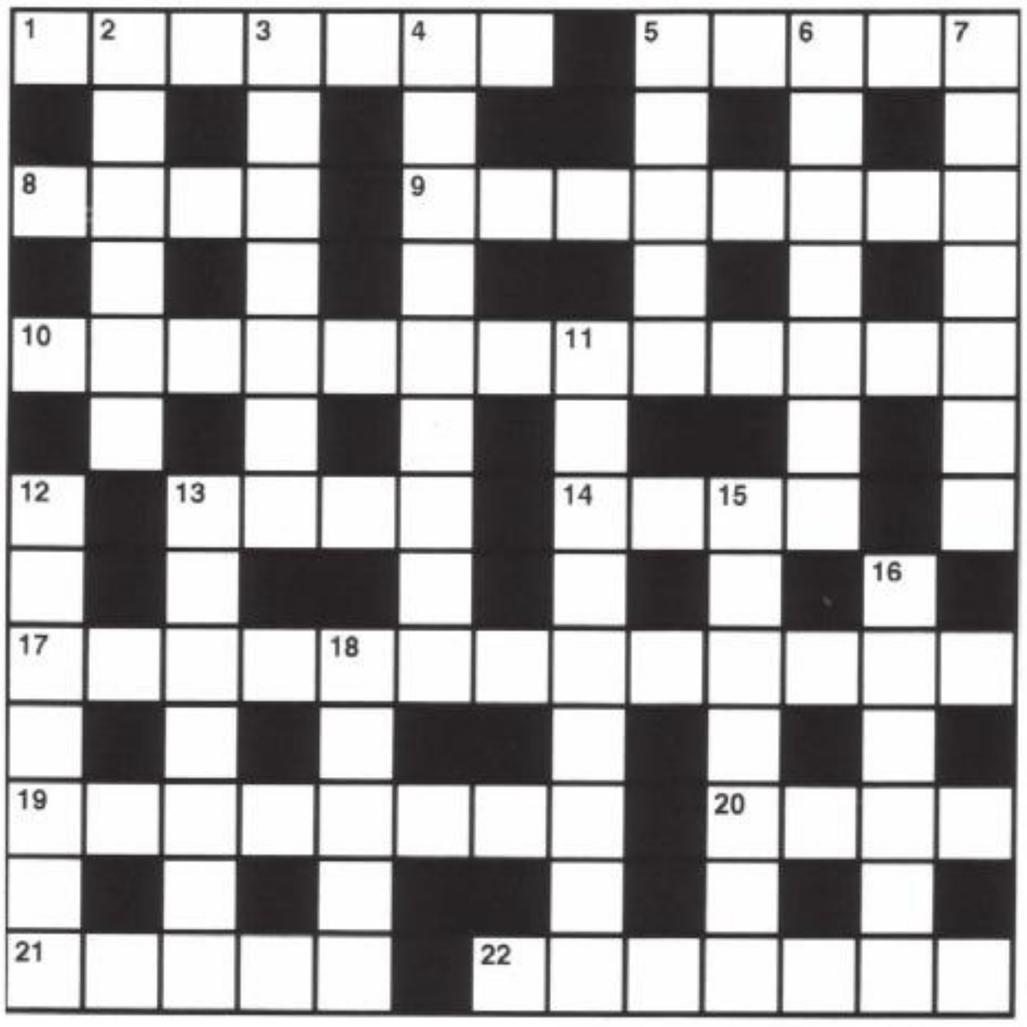
2 Pantry (6)
3 Dispute (7)
4 Representation of abstractions by emblems (9)
5 Cost (5)
6 Encouraged (7)
7 Works of irony (7)
11 Peculiar to one profession (9)
12 Fundamental (7)
13 Came to an end (7)
15 Keeps (7)
16 Cause to rebound (6)
18 European river (5)

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Vow that I'm coming back in a non-poetic state (7)
5 Covers the lawsuits (5)
8 Like a first-class backward continent (4)
9 Something or someone in opposition (8)
10 No, it takes one to dart back, followed by a friend, in the old way (13)
13 Real quality cannot, as the saying goes, be too good (4)
14 Made a bow with the same result (4)
17 Did they bring about freedom through termination? (13)
19 Legendary change from a foul bus (8)
20 Take to the air and discover the country (4)
21 Give me back a mixture of rye and polish it off (5)
22 Stupid, like being twice in the east? (7)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Rays or else beads (6)
3 Wind - and in a mere muddle (7)
4 Note the neck wear down the street (9)
5 Can hold the French in a spotless condition
6 Arranged for the wrong test to be directed (7)
7 Soaked the beam and hurried around (7)
11 Barns are unfashionable dwelling places (9)
12 The gnome moves the air back a bit (7)
13 The difficulty of beginning to translate a foreign coin (7)
15 No, I diet with a different book (7)
16 Inherited tendency to exert oneself? (6)
18 Filling with any fifty-one variations (5)



Scribble space

This week's solutions

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9	4	5	1	3	6	2	7	8
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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Slowest 5 Picks 8 Aria 9 Manifest 10 Reign of Terror 13 Pen 14 Card 17 Determination 19 Carbolic 20 Inns 21 Lodge 22 Clasped

Down: 2 Larder 3 Wrangle 4 Symbolism 5 Price 6 Cheered 7 Satires 11 Technical 12 Radical 13 Petered 15 Retains 16 Bounce 18 Rhone

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Promise 5 Cases 8 Asia 9 Objector 10 Traditionally 13 True 14 Tied 17 Abolitionists 19 Fabulous 20 Iran 21 Emery 22 Asinine

Down: 2 Rosary 3 Meander 4 Spottiest 5 Clean 6 Settled 7 Sprayed 11 Outhouses 12 Snaffle 13 Trouble 15 Edition 16 Strain 18 Inlay

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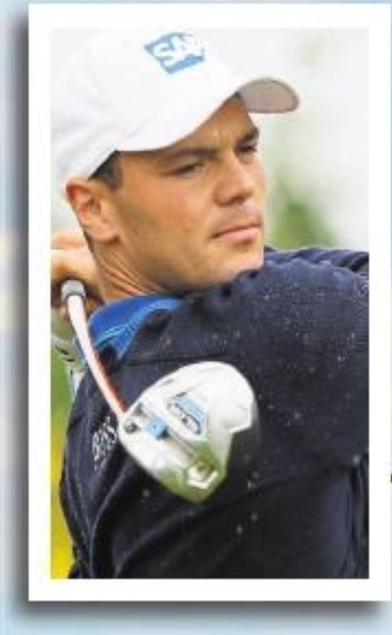

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Tony will lend his golf course architecture eye to the new Magnolia Park Golf and Country Club Par 3 Championship Course as well as the driving range and academy facilities, offering his professional advice and assistance to all the team involved in a bid to make Magnolia Park a real golfing destination.

Alan Pither commented 'I am excited about the opportunity to work with a golfing icon such as Tony Jacklin who I think will be a great asset to Magnolia Park throughout the relationship'.

On the signing of the agreement Tony commented: 'I have been an advocate of Par 3 golf for many years which is why I am the ambassador for the Farmfoods British Par 3 Championships, I believe it is the future for golf.

Alan and the team at Magnolia Park have a great vision for the future and want to provide its members with the best golfing facilities, and for me to join that team is a privilege. I can't wait to get started'.

And neither can we so watch this space for more exciting news and developments!

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IAIN CARTER

EXCLUSIVE VERDICT FROM THE BBC RADIO 5 LIVE PRESENTER

Canny Kaymer looks the part

THERE'S so much parity in the game nowadays that it's difficult to predict who will win The Open this week, but if you look at the evidence of this year so far, the stand-out performer has been Martin Kaymer.

He won the Players' Championship and the US Open and, on the face of it, you would have to say he has the game that would be well sorted for the challenges ahead at Hoylake.

Having said that, it would be wrong to read too much into what he did at Pinehurst, even though it looked a very fast and linksy-type golf course.

His victory in the US Open was one of the great Major championship performances. And I don't think anyone is better equipped mentally for the challenges that lie ahead.

All the reports are that the course is very lush at the moment, the greens are very green and so are the fairways, and if those conditions continue and it is not too windy then that might present Rory McIlroy's best chance of an Open victory to date.

He likes the way the course is set up, he believes the bunkers offer him a great sight line to manoeuvre the ball around the course.

A lot of the holes shape up very well for him and as long as it is not too hard and bouncy or windy, then McIlroy could be up there.

I would also throw Justin Rose, who has just won at the Congressional, into the mix. He has it in his locker to win a Major title, and where better to do it than on an English golf course?

I always come into Majors thinking that Sergio Garcia has a great chance and then he fails to deliver.

Like the others, he has a game that can do some serious damage at Hoylake, if his head is in the right place and he can carry enough confidence.

The course is likely to play different than back in 2006 – the year Garcia blew up in the final round – when they were effectively playing on runways and the ball was running fast, with Tiger Woods leaving his driver in his bag all week.

Henrik Stenson finished second at the Scottish Open last year and that kick-started an amazing run of results that brought him the Race to Dubai title. He's not playing the Scottish event this year and so there has been a shift in his preparations, but there is no doubt he will take a lot of confidence and, if he gets the right sort of draw, then he will be a very dangerous contender.

Martin Kaymer poses with the trophy after winning the US Open at Pinehurst and looks a decent shot to add The Open title this week

As will Adam Scott, who was right in the thick of it last year at Muirfield and who came so close in 2012 to, at that stage, breaking his Major duck. He's obviously a Masters champion and world No.1 and, again, he is in the category of players that you should be looking out for.

Who would have predicted, though, that the last three Open winners would have been over the age of 40 and from varying places on the world ranking list? It is very hard to predict.

At the other end of the age scale, you can't rule out Rickie Fowler, who demonstrated a huge liking in the past and has played in Walker Cups, while doing very well at Royal St George's in horrendous conditions in the third round when he outscored McIlroy with a 68. That was one of the greatest rounds of golf that I have ever seen. He wants to be known as a links specialist as he grows into the game.

I think Hoylake sets up very well for Graeme McDowell. He led after the first round in 2006 and he knows his way around there. I think his French Open win was significant for him. He has structured his schedule in order to be fresh at this time of year. He's piled a lot of pressure on himself as well in retaining his Ryder Cup place, which he was kind of anticipating. It's one thing to check out that sort of strategy, but it's another thing to execute it. That victory in Paris will really validate, to him, the strategy he has put in place.

As for Tiger, you write him off at your peril, but everything points to this coming too quickly for someone recovering from back surgery. It was a pretty tame return at Congressional – it didn't surprise me that he played at that tournament as it supports his foundation. If it wasn't for that he probably would not have come back.

He will have been spending an inordinate amount of time hitting the shots that he thinks he will need to hit at Hoylake, but it is asking an awful lot for him to come back and win this.

It promises to be a cracking week.

Iain was talking to Dominic Picksley

> “I don't think anyone is better prepared mentally for the challenges that lie ahead”

STATS

LAST 10 OPEN WINNERS

2013 Phil Mickelson	USA
2012 Ernie Els	RSA
2011 Darren Clarke	NIR
2010 Louis Oosthuizen	RSA
2009 Stewart Cink	USA
2008 P Harrington	IRE
2007 P Harrington	IRE
2006 Tiger Woods	USA
2005 Tiger Woods	USA
2004 Todd Hamilton	USA

LAST 10 ENGLISH OPEN WINNERS

1992 Nick Faldo	
1987 Nick Faldo	
1969 Tony Jacklin	
1951 Max Faulkner	
1948 Henry Cotton	
1939 Dick Burton	
1938 Reg Whitcombe	
1937 Henry Cotton	
1936 Alf Padgham	
1935 Alf Perry	

TOP 10 DRIVERS (AVG) ON THE US PGA TOUR

314.1 Bubba Watson	USA
311.4 Dustin Johnson	USA
308.7 N Colsaerts	BEL
308.0 J.B. Holmes	USA
306.1 Andrew Loupe	USA
305.7 R Garrigus	USA
305.0 Rory McIlroy	NIR
304.8 J Vegas	VEN
304.7 J Kokrak	USA
304.4 L Oosthuizen	RSA

Graeme McDowell

TOP 10 FINISHES ON THE US PGA TOUR

1 Matt Kuchar	9
2 Jimmy Walker	8
T3 Harris English	7
T3 Dustin Johnson	7
T3 Webb Simpson	7

STROKES GAINED (PUTTING) ON US PGA TOUR

1 Graeme McDowell	1.005
2 Aaron Baddeley	.993
3 Matt Every	.989
4 Breddon Todd	.888
5. Greg Chalmers	.859

GREENS IN REGULATION PERCENTAGE ON US PGA TOUR

1 Chad Campbell	72.10
2 Graham DaLaet	71.92
3 Justin Hicks	70.35
4 Billy Horchel	69.53
5 JJ Henry	69.48
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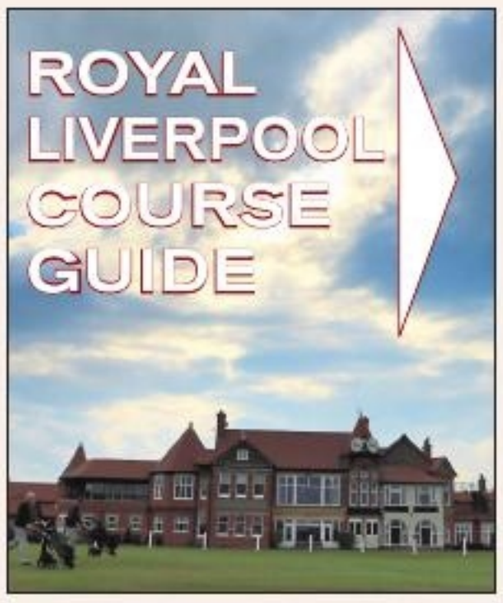


1 Royal. Par 4 458yds

A testing hole to start the round and one on which most competitors will be happy to secure a par. The tee shot has to be threaded between bunkers and the approach hit to a heavily contoured green which is 40 yards long and protected by a group of new bunkers. The hole is named after the Royal Hotel which housed Royal Liverpool's first clubhouse back in 1869

2006: **Rank 7**

2 Stand. Par 4 454yds

A new tee has been built for this year's Open which adds 18 yards to the length of the hole. Four bunkers have been removed from the landing area but an accurate tee shot is still required to give the best approach to another heavily-guarded green

2006: **Rank 3**

3 Course. Par 4 426yds

Usually the opening hole for the members, which must have wrecked many a card in the monthly medal. A daunting tee shot has out-of-bounds running all the way down the right-hand side of the fairway, which also comes into play on the second shot as the hole takes a 90-degree turn to the right. The swale to the left of the green has also been deepened

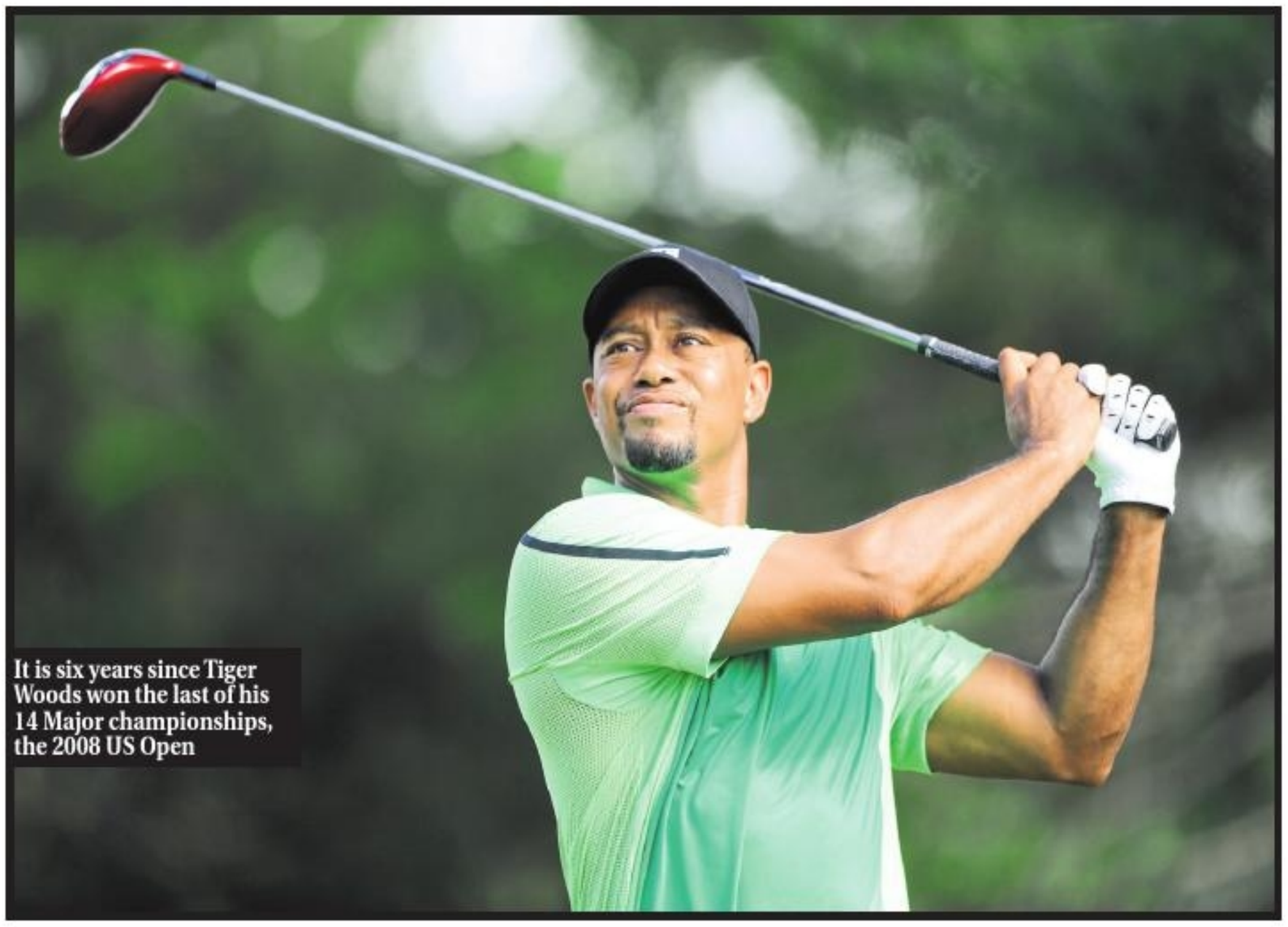
2006: **Rank 8**

4 Road. Par 4 372yds

A welcome respite after the trials of the previous hole, the fourth is the shortest par four on the course and presents a good birdie opportunity. The out-of-bounds to the back and left of the green is unlikely to come into play for competitors attacking the pin with a short iron

2006: **Rank 11**

Tiger back on the prowl



It is six years since Tiger Woods won the last of his 14 Major championships, the 2008 US Open

Can Woods launch another comeback?

By Phil Casey

THE question has been asked many times in recent years: Is the real Tiger Woods back?

It was asked when he finished fourth in the Masters in 2010 after almost five months out following the revelations about his private life in late 2009.

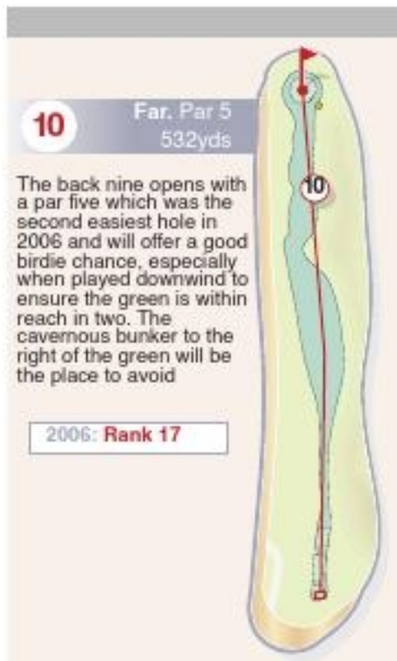
It was asked again almost two years later when he climbed back into the world's top 10 with victory at the Arnold Palmer Invitational after a slump had seen him drop outside the top 50.

And it was asked again, with far more conviction, when the 14-time Major winner returned to the very top of the rankings in March last year with his third of five wins in 2013.

However, we now know those five wins came in the rare weeks when Woods felt fully fit, the weeks when a serious back injury did not flare up and leave him struggling to get out of bed. It was a back injury that led to Woods shooting a third round of 65 in the Honda Classic only to withdraw after 13 holes of the final round. A back injury which saw him record the worst final round of his career, a 78, the following week in the WGC-Cadillac event.

And it was a back injury which finally led him to undergo microdiscectomy surgery on March 31 to relieve the pain caused by a pinched nerve, surgery which meant he missed the Masters for the first time in his career as well as the US Open.

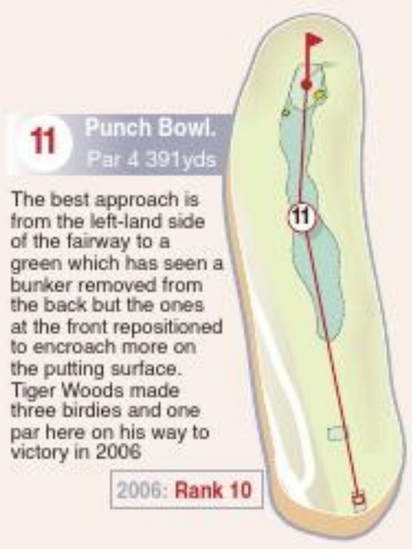
To the delight of millions of golf fans, not to mention those concerned with ticket sales at the R&A, Woods returned to action in the Quicken Loans National at the end of June, a tournament which benefits his own foundation. It was no surprise the 38-year-old refused to rule out winning the event



10 Far. Par 5 532yds

The back nine opens with a par five which was the second easiest hole in 2006 and will offer a good birdie chance, especially when played downwind to ensure the green is within reach in two. The cavernous bunker to the right of the green will be the place to avoid

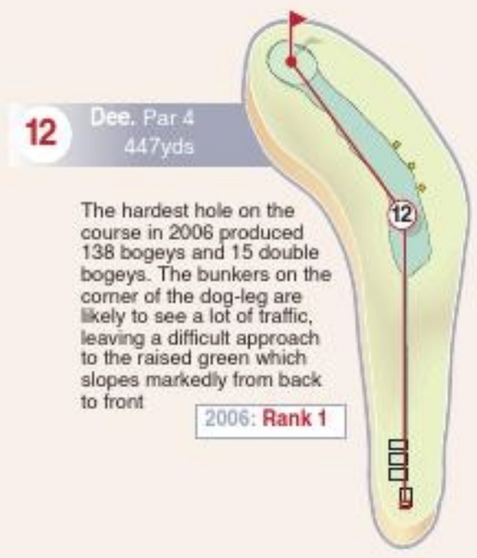
2006: **Rank 17**



11 Punch Bowl. Par 4 391yds

The best approach is from the left-land side of the fairway to a green which has seen a bunker removed from the back but the ones at the front repositioned to encroach more on the putting surface. Tiger Woods made three birdies and one par here on his way to victory in 2006

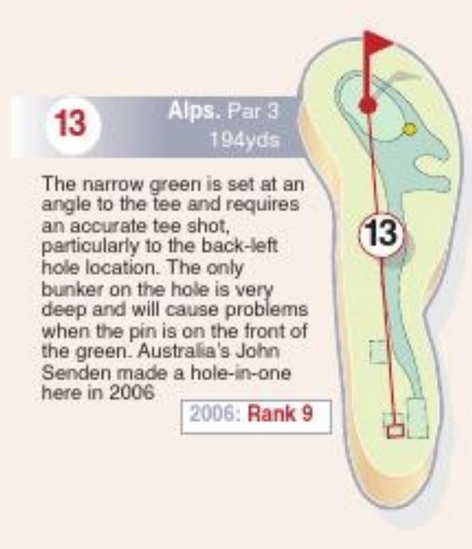
2006: **Rank 10**



12 Dee. Par 4 447yds

The hardest hole on the course in 2006 produced 138 bogeys and 15 double bogeys. The bunkers on the corner of the dog-leg are likely to see a lot of traffic, leaving a difficult approach to the raised green which slopes markedly from back to front

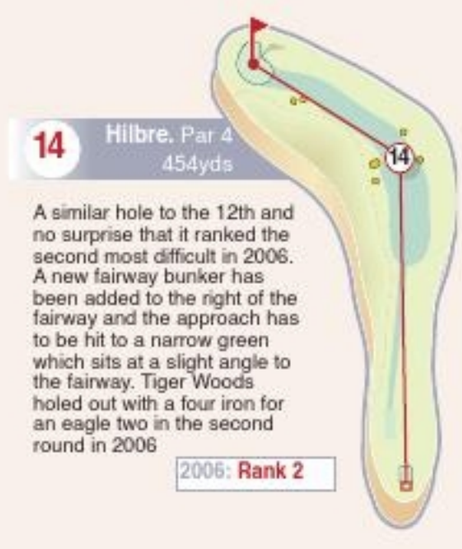
2006: **Rank 1**



13 Alps. Par 3 194yds

The narrow green is set at an angle to the tee and requires an accurate tee shot, particularly to the back-left hole location. The only bunker on the hole is very deep and will cause problems when the pin is on the front of the green. Australia's John Senden made a hole-in-one here in 2006

2006: **Rank 9**



14 Hilbre. Par 4 454yds

A similar hole to the 12th and no surprise that it ranked the second most difficult in 2006. A new fairway bunker has been added to the right of the fairway and the approach has to be hit to a narrow green which sits at a slight angle to the fairway. Tiger Woods holed out with a four iron for an eagle two in the second round in 2006

2006: **Rank 2**

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Long. Par 5 528yds **5**

Another good birdie chance presents itself on the only par five on the front nine. A good tee shot to the corner of the dog-leg will allow players to go for the green in two, although a new bunker some 310 yards off the tee lies in wait. A total of 205 birdies and 23 eagles were recorded here in 2006

2006: **Rank 16**

6 **New.** Par 3 201yds

The first par three requires an accurate tee shot to a long and narrow green which slopes from back to front and is guarded by bunkers on both sides. The deep bunkers to the left of the green must be avoided when the hole is cut on that side

2006: **Rank 6**

Telegraph. Par 4 480yds **7**

The biggest change in terms of yardage since 2006 comes on the seventh, where a new tee adds 27 yards. The best tee shot is down the right of the fairway, but that also brings heavy rough and heather into play. Par will be a welcome score here

2006: **Rank 5**

Briars. Par 4 431yds **8**

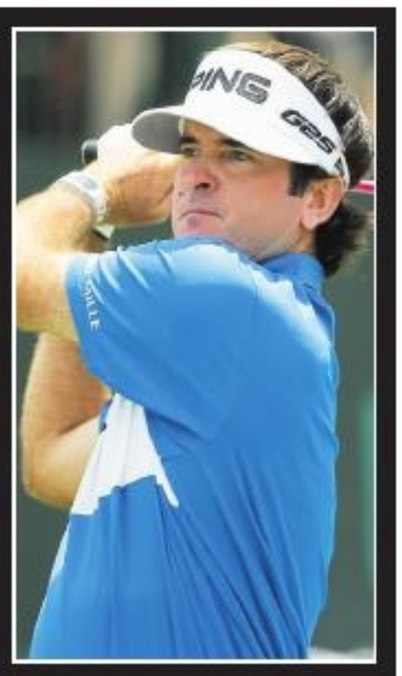
Picking the line for the blind tee shot will be crucial, with the fairway protected by gorse on the left and a bunker on the right. The green is surrounded by three bunkers but is a large target which could offer a good birdie chance

2006: **Rank 13**

Dowie. Par 3 197yds **9**

A second difficult par three on the front nine, even though the bunker on the right of the green has been reduced in size. There is no bail-out on the left of the green either, with a gully waiting to catch errant tee shots and leaving a treacherous chip

2006: **Rank 12**



This year's two Major winners so far, Martin Kaymer (left) and Bubba Watson (above)

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Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par
1st	458	4	10th	532	5
2nd	454	4	11th	391	4
3rd	426	4	12th	447	4
4th	372	4	13th	194	3
5th	528	5	14th	454	4
6th	201	3	15th	161	3
7th	480	4	16th	577	5
8th	431	4	17th	458	4
9th	197	3	18th	551	5
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despite not having played since early March, nor was it surprising that he actually missed the halfway cut with rounds of 74 and 75.

But what was surprising was the difference in attitude now to when he reclaimed the world No.1 spot last year. On that occasion, Woods said: "I don't want to become as good as I once was – I want to become better."

Fifteen months later, there were self-deprecating remarks and a sense Woods had finally started to accept his own limitations.

"The difference as I've aged is I can't play the way I used to," Woods said. "I feel old. The Chinese kid (14-year-old Guan Tianlang) who qualified for the Masters last year was born after I won the tournament for the first time and that is just not cool.

"That is what is coming. The next generation are taller, bigger and more physical. These kids in college, all the long-hitters are 6ft 2in to 6ft 4in. I was No.2 in driving distance for a number of years just behind John Daly, but things have changed dramatically. I have to rely on different parts of my game like strategy and course management."

Fortunately for Woods, that was good enough to win The Open the last time it was staged at Hoylake in 2006, when the dry, hard conditions meant he barely got his driver out of the bag all week. It remains to be seen whether such conditions are to be repeated, but a man who won 50 per cent of the Major championships he entered between 2000 and 2002 has now gone six years without winning any of the game's four biggest prizes.

That last victory over Rocco Mediate in a play-off for the US Open in 2008 came just days before he had reconstructive surgery on the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, so no-one can be absolutely certain he cannot win a fourth Open title now he is pain free for the first time in two years.

Having said that, Woods' rivals have gained confidence and Major titles of their own over the last few years, with recent statistics suggesting the cream will again rise to the top at Hoylake.

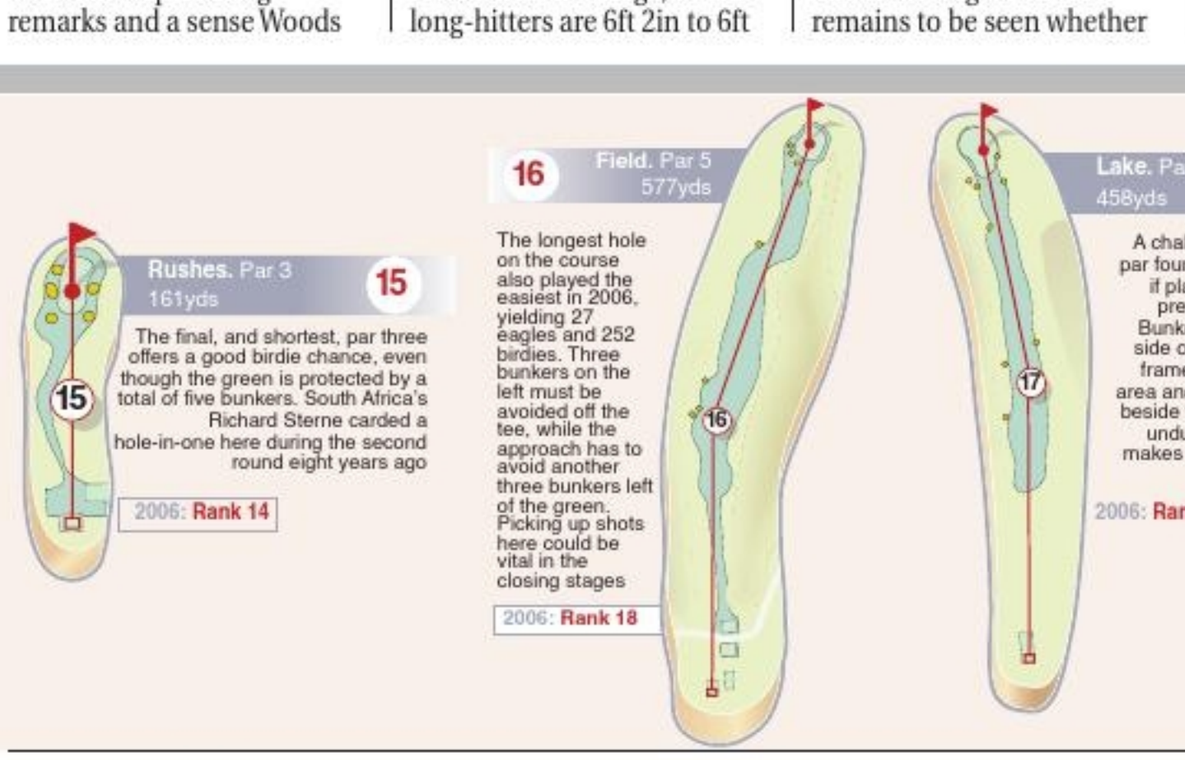
Since Darren Clarke and Keegan Bradley won the last two Majors of 2011 when 111th and 108th in the world respectively, the lowest ranked winner of a Major has been Ernie Els, who was 40th when he won the 2012 Open at Lytham.

Last year, Adam Scott was ranked seventh when he won the Masters, Justin Rose fifth before his US Open triumph at Merion and Phil Mickelson also fifth before his Open victory at Muirfield. Jason Dufner was 21st when he won the US PGA Championship at Oak Hill.

So far in 2014, Bubba Watson was ranked 12th before claiming his second Masters title and Martin Kaymer 28th before winning a second Major crown in the US Open.

Fifth in the rankings after his comeback event, Woods would fit in nicely with that recent run of top-quality Major champions.

But Hoylake looks to have come just too soon, even for him.



Rushes. Par 3 161yds **15**

The final, and shortest, par three offers a good birdie chance, even though the green is protected by a total of five bunkers. South Africa's Richard Sterne carded a hole-in-one here during the second round eight years ago

2006: **Rank 14**

16 **Field.** Par 5 577yds

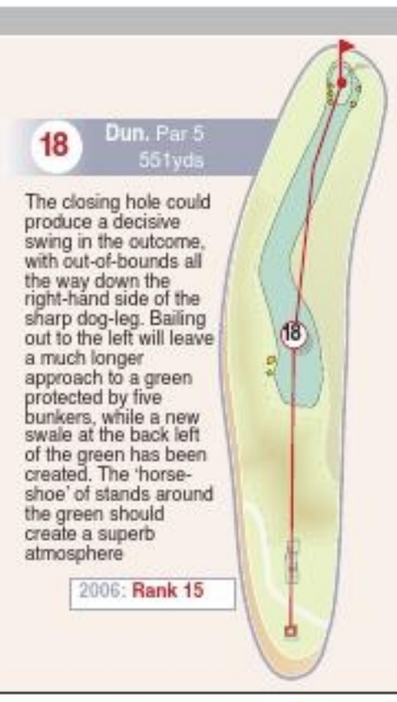
The longest hole on the course also played the easiest in 2006, yielding 27 eagles and 252 birdies. Three bunkers on the left must be avoided off the tee, while the approach has to avoid another three bunkers left of the green. Picking up shots here could be vital in the closing stages

2006: **Rank 18**

Lake. Par 4 458yds **17**

A challenging long par four, particularly if played into the prevailing wind. Bunkers on either side of the fairway frame the landing area and more sand beside the long and undulating green makes for a difficult approach

2006: **Rank 4**



18 **Dun.** Par 5 551yds

The closing hole could produce a decisive swing in the outcome, with out-of-bounds all the way down the right-hand side of the sharp dog-leg. Bailing out to the left will leave a much longer approach to a green protected by five bunkers, while a new swale at the back left of the green has been created. The 'horse-shoe' of stands around the green should create a superb atmosphere

2006: **Rank 15**

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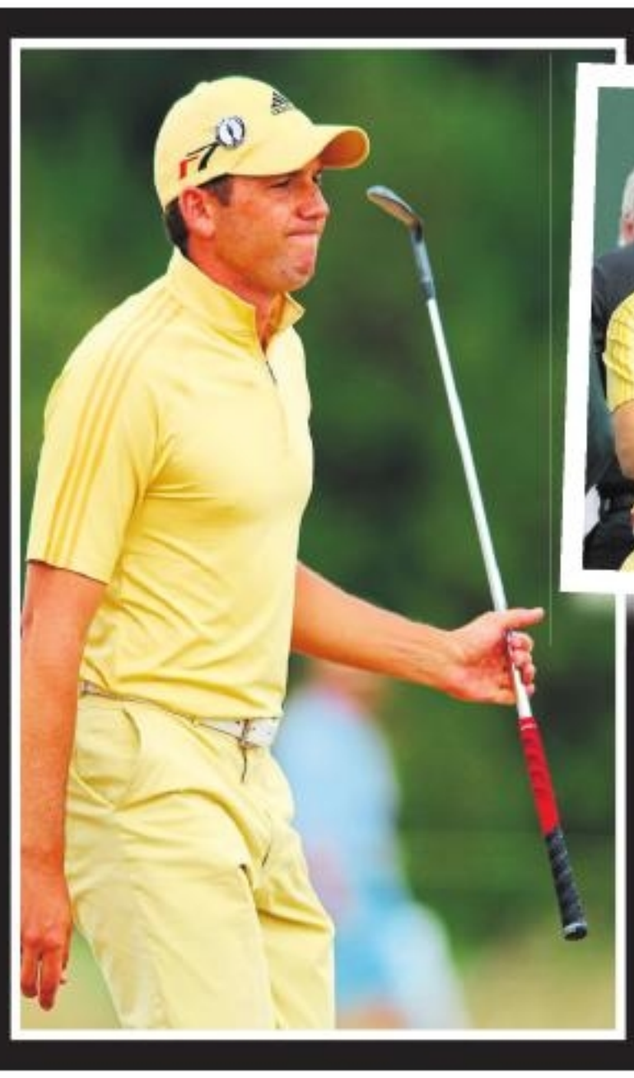
Garcia returns to scene of last-day collapse still hunting for that first Major title

Yellow peril haunts Sergio



"I've just bludgeoned Tweety-pie"

Tiger Woods' reported text message after beating the yellow-clad Sergio Garcia at Royal Liverpool in 2006

SERGIO GARCIA'S last appearance at Royal Liverpool saw him disappearing into the sunset in a not-so-flattering canary yellow outfit, which drew almost as much criticism as his collapse on the final day of the 2006 Open.

The Spaniard returns to Hoylake eight years older and wiser, but still without a Major to his name.

At 34, time is hardly running out for the Ryder Cup firebrand, but there is a growing sense that the new breed of young guns – the likes of 20-year-old American Jordan Spieth, who is impressing on the PGA Tour and finished joint second at April's Masters – are making the circuit more competitive than ever.

Garcia is a complex character: inspirational on the course, particularly in those biennial clashes against the United States, but dogged by periods of self-doubt off it.

It takes a certain brand of confidence to rock up to the last round of a Major paired in the final group with world No.1 Tiger Woods bedecked head to toe in bright yellow.

However, after a blistering 63 the previous day, the frailties of the Spaniard's psyche were exposed immediately as three-putt bogeys on the second and third holes saw any chance of overhauling Woods' one-stroke advantage disappear.

Garcia rallied on the back nine to end as top European in a share of fifth place, but it was a demoralising finish – and one which did not go unnoticed by Woods, who reportedly texted a friend: "I've just bludgeoned Tweety-pie."

The deflated Spaniard offered some defence in trying to salvage a positive from that Hoylake meltdown, insisting: "It was probably the best I've felt in a Major with the putter, stroke-wise."

But the mental demons have continued to haunt him. A play-off defeat to Padraig Harrington at Carnoustie the following year – still his best finish in 63 Majors – led him, in 2012, to declare he did not have the game to win one

"In 13 years, I have come to the conclusion that I need to play for second or third place," he said after another disappointment at the 2012 Masters.

Those words were used as a stick to beat him with until, 12 months later, he redressed the issue.

He admitted: "Yes, I do regret saying it, but not 100 per cent, I would say. I said exactly what I felt at that moment and, obviously, it wasn't my best moment. I was frustrated.

"There are some things you say what you feel at that moment and then when you calm down you think that maybe I shouldn't have said that. And I was over the top."

Giving a more considered view, Garcia added: "I think that when I'm on, I can definitely win anywhere. I think I've proven that.

"It's just a matter of getting that week where you feel good, where you feel comfortable, where things go your way, where everything feels relaxed, everything feels at ease, and you manage to do things the way you know how to do them.

"I'm still waiting for that particular week. I've had, I would say, probably four really good chances, and I'm hoping that I can get many more until I quit playing.

"I've always said that the bad days and things like that or the bad losses, if you take them the right way, they are very good, because you can learn a lot from those days."

Wu the spearhead for Chinese masterplan

Wu Ashun in action at Muirfield last year

WHEN China's Wu Ashun steps on to the tee at Royal Liverpool, he will be the sole flag carrier from the world's most populous country.

But watching quietly from the sidelines will be a man who foresees a future when Chinese professionals are regularly among the leading contenders for the world's top championships.

Tenniel Chu is one of two brothers at the forefront of the incredible growth of golf in China, a phenomenon that has seen up to 1,000 courses spring up and three million golfers from a base of almost none in just over a decade.

Tenniel is vice-chairman and operational head of the world's biggest golf complex, Mission Hills, which has 12 courses and 216 holes. Mission Hills, based in Shenzen in southern China, just north of Hong Kong, also has a sister complex, Haikou, on the island of Hainan.

Between the two centres, Tenniel and his brother, Ken, chairman of Mission Hills, are putting a lot of energy and resource into developing a new generation of Asian golfers through a junior programme unsurpassed in the golfing world.

Backed by the likes of Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy, Mission Hills offers free access on three of its courses to anyone under 16 and will run 43 junior tournaments this year alone in the search for a Major champion from China.

The world of golf got a glimpse of what is to come when Guan Tianlang last year became the youngest player ever at the Masters in Augusta and made the cut, aged 14.

Woods and McIlroy have both visited Haikou and witnessed the Mission Hills junior programme close up.

Woods, the 14-times Major winner, said: "It's definitely a model people should be looking at. We're trying to include more people into the game of golf and, as with the inclusion of the sport in the Olympics and the initiatives that they have at Mission Hills, I think it should be duplicated around the world.

"The fact you have golf courses where kids who are 16 and under can play for free, well it should be like that around the world. They're making golf accessible."

McIlroy, winner of the 2011 US Open and 2012 PGA Championship, said it helped erode the image of golf as purely an elite pastime.

McIlroy, who will be back at Mission Hills in October for the World Celebrity Pro-Am, said: "I think it is such a great initiative; it's incredible. It will bring more and more juniors to play golf. I wish that even when I was growing up, which wasn't that long ago, we had places like that where we could play golf for free."

Tenniel Chu, at Royal Liverpool as part of Mission Hills' close relationship with the R&A, added: "Last year we had 32 junior tournaments featuring almost 2,500 rounds of golf and more than 1,200 players. This year, the fact we are holding a record 43 junior tournaments and continuing to open three of our courses to young players for free shows our ongoing commitment to junior golf."

Golf's Olympic reappearance is something that is focusing the minds of the Chu brothers and the Chinese government, which is providing unparalleled support for its young golfers with an eye on, first, the Youth Olympics in Nanjing this year, and then the full Games in Rio in 2016.

Part of the build-up to Nanjing was the Jack Nicklaus Junior Championship at Mission Hills Shenzen in May, and Chu said: "This is such an important year for junior golf in China. Some of the players who have competed at Mission Hills will be taking part in Nanjing."

Meanwhile, Wu, one of only two Chinese professionals in the world top 200 – the other is Liang Wen-Chong – is looking forward to his week on the Wirral, having earned his spot via the Thailand qualifying series.

He played his first Open at Muirfield last year and said: "Making my debut at the Open Championship was an eye-opener for me. Now that I have qualified again I will make the best of my opportunity and try to put up a better performance."

Wu might be the sole flag carrier from his country this week, but for Tenniel Chu and a brand new generation of Chinese golfers, he will not be alone for long.

QUIZ
Test your Open knowledge

1 Who overcame the largest deficit after 54 holes to win The Open?

2 Which course is the longest in Open history?

3 Who holds the record for the lowest first round?

4 Which champion made the most appearances before his first victory?

5 Who was the last player to win on his debut?

6 Which course has hosted The Open more than any other?

7 In what year did Tiger Woods win the first of his three Open titles?

8 Who has shot the lowest aggregate score after four rounds?

9 How many Open titles did Nick Faldo win?

10 Who led The Open after the first round last year?

ANSWERS

1. Paul Lawrie, 1999, 10 strokes behind the leader; 2. Carnoustie (2007): 7,421 yards; 3. Rory McIlroy (63), 2010, St Andrews; 4. Darren Clarke (2011); 5. Ben Curtis, Royal St George's, 2003; 6. St Andrews (27); 7. 2000; 8. Greg Norman (267) 1993; 9. Three (1987, 1990, 1992); 10. Zach Johnson (USA), -5.

In-form Kaymer can shine at 18-1

Ryder Cup hero looks set to build on US Open win

By Luke Thornhill

THERE are few things more certain before any Major tournament at the moment than Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods appearing at the top of the betting.

There is little reason to back either of them, though, with McIlroy only once finding himself in contention for The Open (back in 2010, when he tied for third).

He did not even make the cut last season, while in his past six Majors he has not made much of an impact.

His last Major win was the PGA Championship at the end of 2012.

In the two Majors so far this year his putting has let him down, as he has struggled to cope with the level of expectancy which now surrounds him every time he plays.

Woods has gone even longer without winning a Major – his last came in 2008.

Having won The Open three times, and tied for third and sixth in his past two outings, he has at least shown he can adapt to the challenging links-style courses.

He has also won at this venue before (in 2006) but, having missed most of this year due to surgery on a back problem, it looks beyond him to challenge.

US Open champion Martin Kaymer, the man whose putt sealed a remarkable Ryder Cup comeback for Europe in Chicago two years ago, looks a more solid option at 18-1.

The German is one of the in-form players around, and the first player in history to follow a Players Championship win with the US Open title.

Kaymer just gets the nod ahead of Henrik Stenson, who is 16-1.

The Swede tied for fourth place in the US Open, having finished second, third and T14 in the three Majors which preceded that.

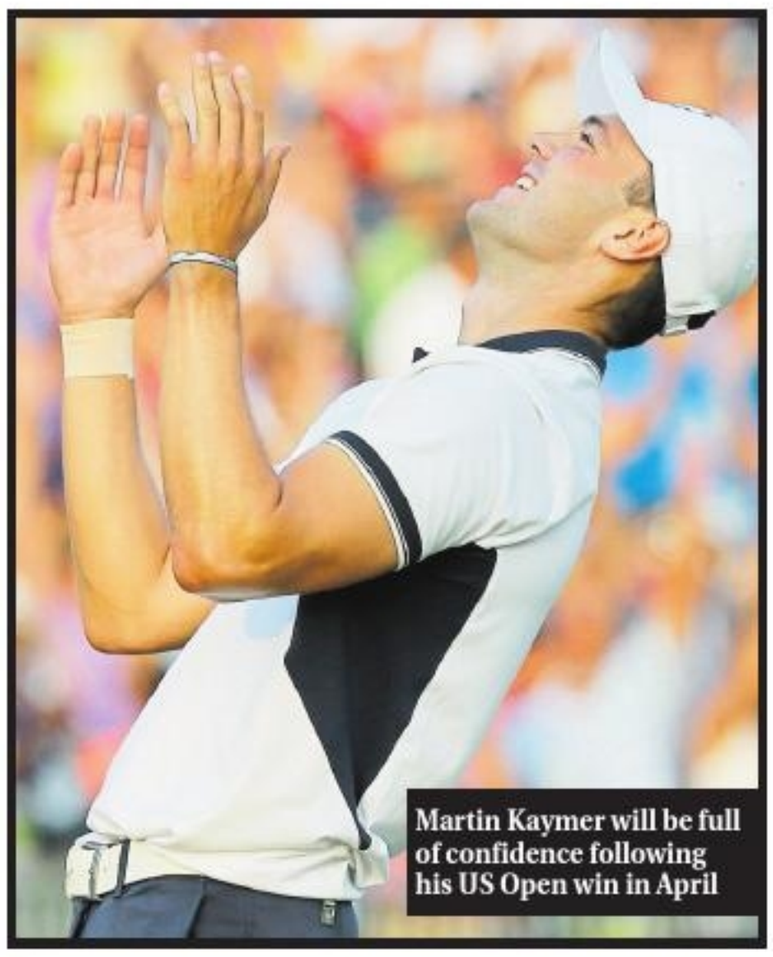
The Open remains among the most unpredictable Majors, with the tough links of Hoylake particularly demanding if the wind gets up.

So there is value in considering some long-odds players who have decent records on the coastal courses. And few have better than two-time Open winner Ernie Els.

The South African is definitely worth an each-way punt at 80-1, despite his poor form leading into the tournament.

Miguel Angel Jimenez is down at 80-1, but has remarkable consistency and has finished in the top 30 of the past five Open Championships.

He finished fourth in the US Masters in April and followed that by claiming the Open de Espana title, so is in excellent nick and may well be in contention when the final reckoning comes on Sunday.



Martin Kaymer will be full of confidence following his US Open win in April

Stan James odds*

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Adam Scott	14-1	Matt Kuchar	40-1
Tiger Woods	14-1	Bubba Watson	40-1
Henrik Stenson	16-1	Rickie Fowler	40-1
Martin Kaymer	18-1	Brandt Snedeker	40-1
Justin Rose	22-1	Ian Poulter	40-1
Sergio Garcia	25-1	Luke Donald	40-1
Phil Mickelson	25-1	Charl Schwartzel	40-1
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Now recognised as being one of the leading centres of its type, Didcot Railway Centre first opened as a visitor attraction in 1967, thanks to the love and dedication of four school boys. Having witnessed the growing decline of the steam railway, the boys took matters into their own hands by preserving one of the Great Western Railway's push and pull auto-trains, an 0-4-2 tank engine and auto-coach. As more and more engines were restored, Didcot became their home and now houses the most impressive, and one of the largest, collections of its kind in the world.

Didcot Railway Centre now offers a wide range of features for you to enjoy as you wander around the site, including the original main building of the 1932 Engine Shed and the sand drying furnace. However, one of Didcot's most inspiring attractions is the Locomotive Works, where you will find engines currently under restoration.

Didcot has also been deemed a Quality Assured Visitor Attraction by Enjoy England, and is now a fully accredited museum, offering many exciting discoveries and special events. Amongst the most popular events are the centre's Steamdays, which provide visitors with a chance to ride in coaches pulled by a restored locomotive.

Summer steamdays, when there will one or more locomotives in steam for visitors to travel behind, are on all weekends and Wednesdays to 31 August, and Monday 25 August.

Broad gauge replica Fire Fly will see its final action before being withdrawn from service after its boiler certificate expires. Fire Fly's farewell takes place on 23-25 August.

There is a Steam Gala on Saturday/Sunday 13/14 September.

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The Dinosaur show is on daily from July 23rd - 1st September and back by popular demand is the inflatable planetarium – Starlab from 13th September – 4th January 2015. (Please see more details below). (Shows are subject to minimum numbers and an additional charge to the admission charge).

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The Look Out Discovery is open daily from 10am -5pm (except 24th-26th December and 12th-16th January 2015. Just off J3, M3 or J10, M4

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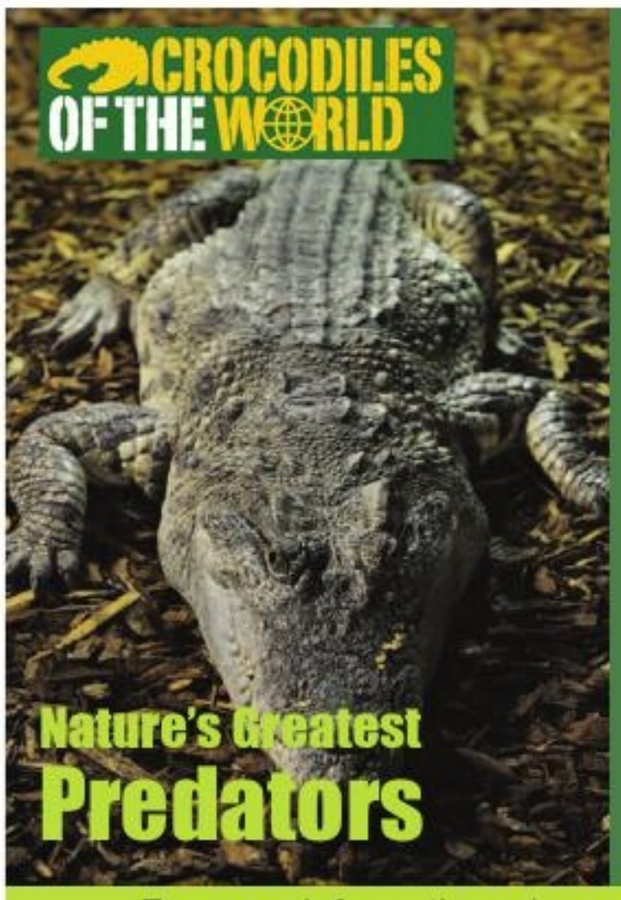

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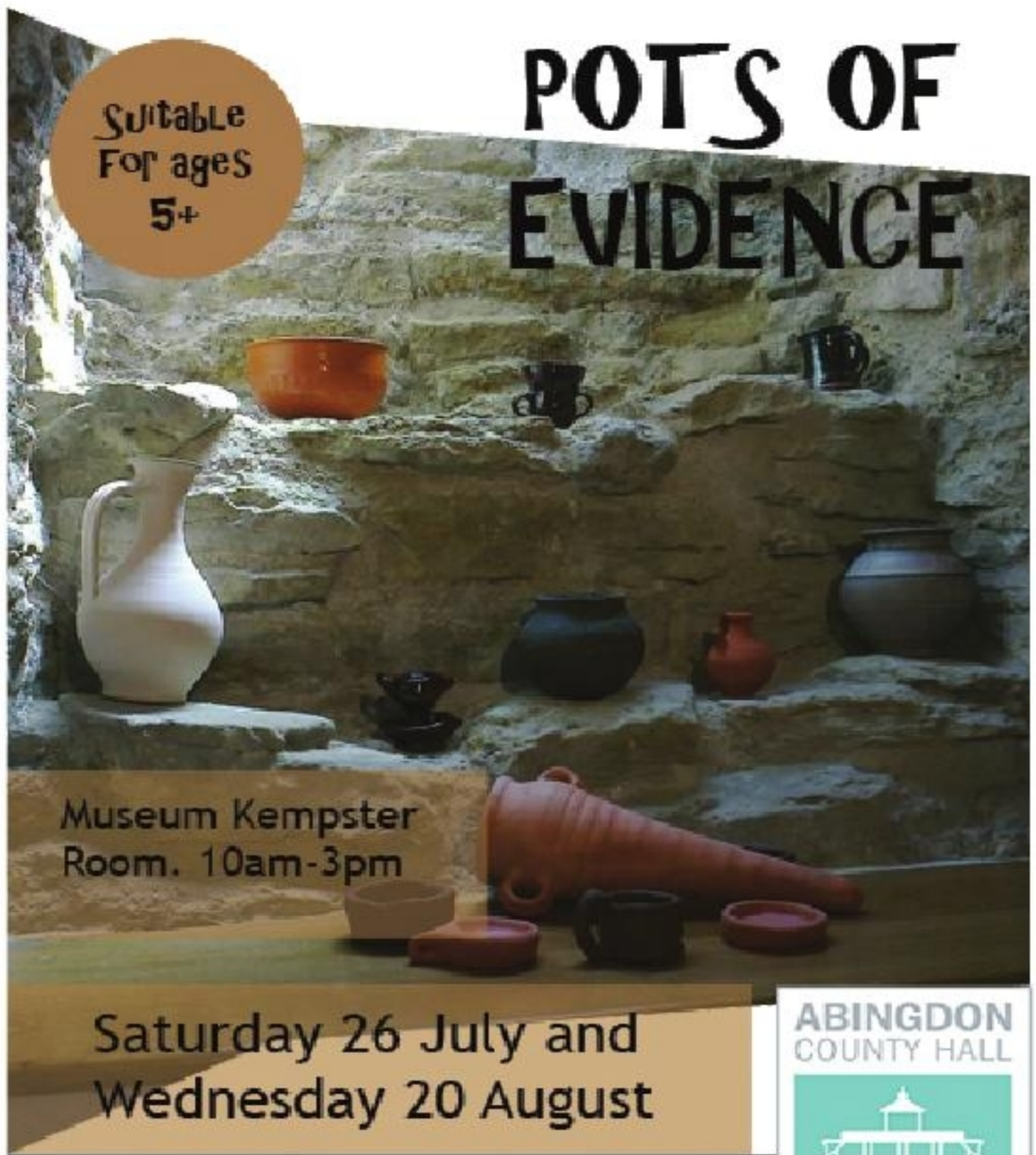
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REVIEW: Skoda Fabia

By **James Richings**

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The family friendly car, which sold more than 13,000 units in the first six months of last year, is known for its reliability, practicability and user friendly devices.

The car was such a popular hit when it first came out that Auto Express magazine voted the car as number four out of the 10 greatest Skodas of all time.

Top Gear magazine gave a more measured response.

Giving the car a 7/10 rating, it described the Skoda as "one of the better minis out there", adding: "The Fabia does everything you could ask of it, but not a whole lot more. A modest success."

However, despite only bringing out two generations since its formation 15 years ago, Skoda have announced that a new special edition version of the Škoda Fabia hatch has gone on sale at British dealers this year.

Costing £9,595, buyers are promised extra standard equipment at no extra cost as well as more than 20 per cent off the original recommended retail price.

Customers also get a three-year/30,000-mile free servicing package if the car is bought using their solutions personal contract plan from Škoda Finance.

The Fabia SE comes as standard with 15-inch alloy wheels, extra rear speakers, manual air conditioning, tinted glass, electric door mirrors and remote central locking.

The special edition version, which is based on the SE, includes a spare wheel and metallic paint for no extra cost.

It is the Czech Republic's second most successful vehicle, selling over three million units since 1999.

The only Skoda vehicle to eclipse the reliable Fabia is the Skoda Octavia, which has sold more than four million units since its formation back in 1997.

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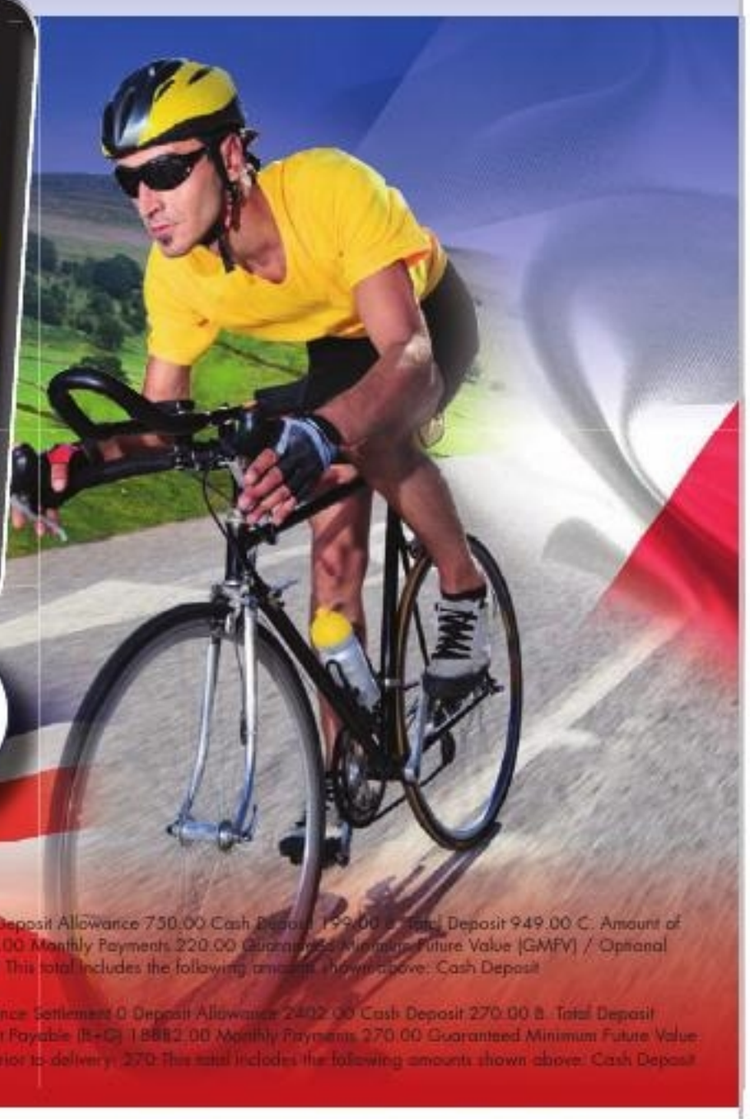

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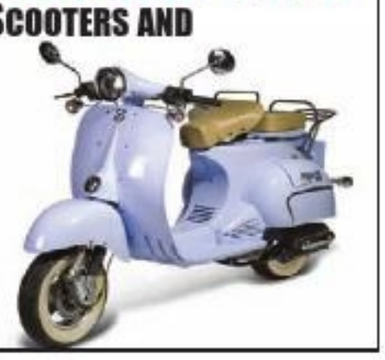

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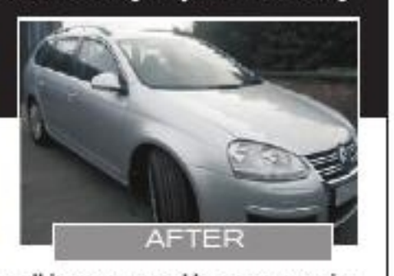

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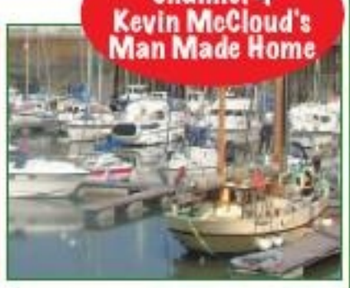

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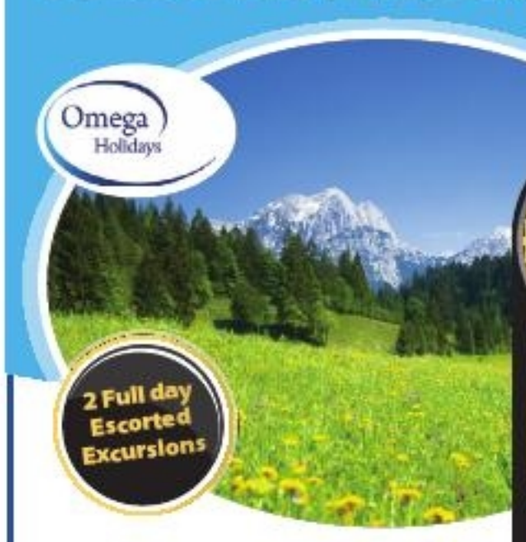

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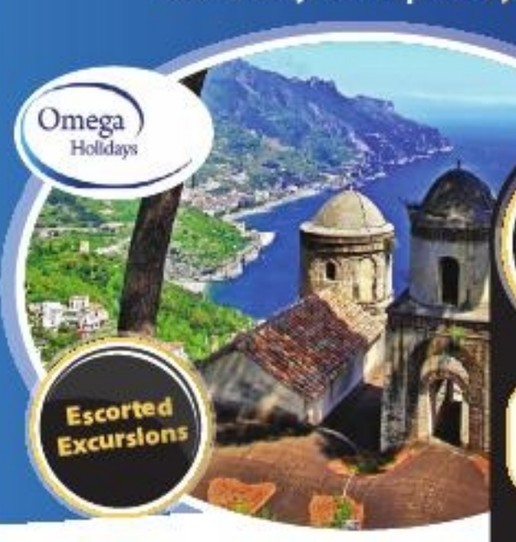

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Weepu ready for the Premiership

JUSTIN Burnell said the signing of World Cup winning scrum half Piri Weepu shows London Welsh's intent to compete in the Aviva Premiership this season.

The 30-year-old New Zealander joined the Exiles last Friday from Super 15 side the Blues.

Weepu, who has 71 caps for the All Blacks, was a part of New Zealand's 2011 World Cup winning squad.

Burnell said: "It's a signing that speaks for itself.

"We are here to compete, we are not here to survive, and I think that statement in abundance confirms our thoughts."

By Jack Johnson
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Weepu will join the Dragons when the Super 15 season finishes in August and was another player who caught Burnell's eye during last month's Club 10s competition in Singapore.

He added: "After meeting with him in Singapore at the Club 10s, his personality and aura is such that it will be second nature for him to fit in to the environment we've created at London Welsh.

"It also goes to show just how worthwhile our participation in the Club 10s in Singapore was, with the signings of both Piri and Lachlan McCaffrey."

Weepu, who is expected to form a half-back pairing with fellow new signing Olly Barkley, said he is looking forward to the challenge of playing in England.

"I'm hugely excited by the opportunity of joining London Welsh and at the challenge of playing in the Aviva Premiership – consistently one of the best leagues in world rugby," he said.

"I'm looking forward to linking up with head coach Justin Burnell and my new London Welsh teammates, and helping the Club re-establish itself in the top flight and in Oxford."

The Exiles also announced the signing of Tonga international Eddie Aholelei earlier this week.

The 32-year-old prop joins from Super 15 side Melbourne Rebels.

May hints at retirement

LONDON Welsh team captain Tom May has hinted at hanging up his boots at the end of next season.

The news comes as the 35-year-old centre has been confirmed as the Exiles' team captain for the 2014-15 season, with Matt Corker remaining as club captain.

May captained the Exiles to the IPA Greene King Championship title last season and is hoping to enjoy what could be his last year of rugby.

"I'm probably looking at finishing this year so to be asked to be captain allows me to really enjoy this last year, put everything in to it and get the most out of it," he said.

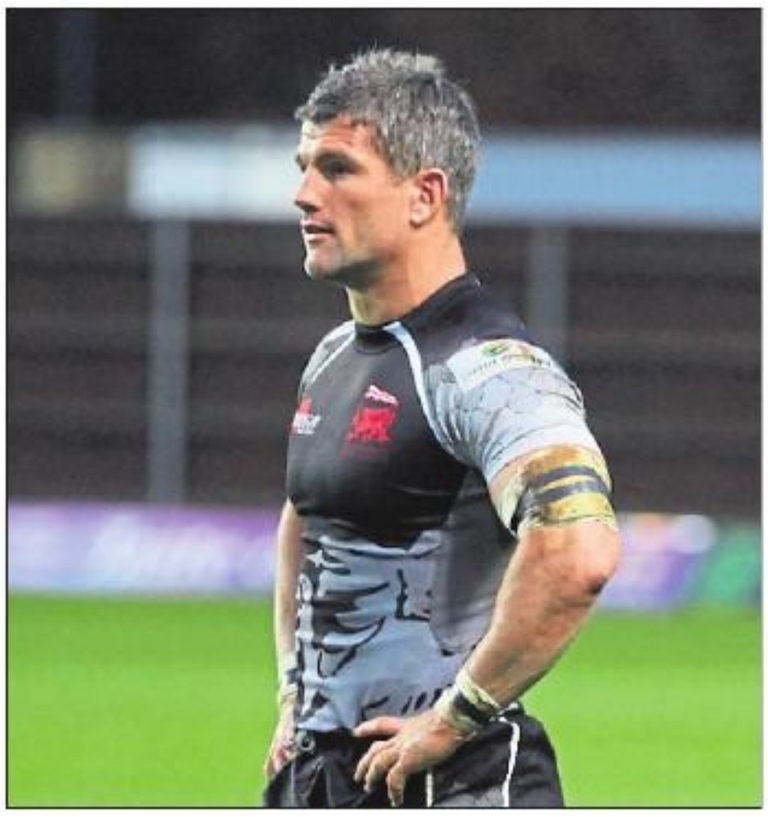
"To lead the team out in the Premiership at places where I've played so much of my rugby will be amazing."

Head coach Justin Burnell described Corker and May as "the most professional and honourable" people he has met.

He added: "Matt has London Welsh running through his veins and Tom is a role model both on and off the field.

"He led from the front last season, was a fantastic ambassador for the club and a pleasure to work with."

• *Tom May (Picture by Martin John)*



Miserable weekend for Smith after race crash

BRADLEY Smith admitted the crash that ended his hopes of a decent showing at the German Grand Prix was his fault.

The 23-year-old Tech3 rider finished 19th at the Sachsenring circuit last Sunday after falling on the third lap.

"It was a big disappointment for me," he said, "I was feeling good and knew that I was capable of a strong result but in the end the crash was all my fault.

"I ran onto the inside of the curb, which was still damp, and fell.

"Of course, it's a big frustration as the bike, tyres and settings all felt positive."

It was a weekend to forget for Smith after he injured his left hand and leg in crashes in practice and qualifying.

However, Smith's pace was promising throughout the weekend and he put himself on the second row of the grid before his crash in qualifying bumped him back to 10th.

Changeable conditions at the start of the race saw most of the riders, including Smith, change to dry tires in the warm-up.

Smith has dropped to 11th in the rider standings and is 19 points behind teammate Pol Espargaro.

• *Bradley Smith tries to pick up his bike after a highside in practice (Picture courtesy of Tech3)*

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Appleton thinks Collins is 'right' for U's squad

By Jack Johnson
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MICHAEL Appleton said new signing Michael Collins will only get better after the midfielder started in Oxford United's 1-0 win over Oxford City on Tuesday night.

Tyrone Marsh scored the only goal of the game from the penalty spot on 69 minutes as the U's made it two wins out of two in pre-season.

Just hours after signing a one-year deal with United, Collins started alongside Danny Rose in the centre of midfield and Appleton was pleased with the 28-year-old's first outing for the club.

"The likes of Michael are only going to get better and better," he said.

"I don't want to bring footballers to the club that are certainly not going to make us better and improve us.

"He has got a quality that we didn't have at the club so it was the right one and hopefully we can make sure we can bring something similar in.

"Michael brought a little bit of know how, a little bit of nouse, steadied a lot of people around him and allowed others to play."

Danny Hytlon also made his first start since joining the club and Appleton was pleased with another victory after the 2-1 win at Farnborough last Saturday.

He said: "Winning a game of football is great for confidence, great for players egos.

"The most important thing for me is to see glimpses in the game of the stuff we've been working on in training and the pattern of play that we have shown over the last two games is certainly really pleasing.

"It tells me that the players are taking things on board."

United's squad was once again full of youngsters with Max Crocombe, Matt Bevans, Aidan Hawtin and Josh Shama all starting.

Marsh, Sam Long, Sam Humphreys, Josh Ashby and James Roberts came off the bench, as did youth team players Freddie Grant, Miles Welch-Hayes and Lewis Hayden.

Appleton added: "The one thing I try and do, and hopefully it comes across to everyone and the younger players, is that I just want them to trust themselves and go and express themselves.

"I want them to show me they are good footballers and if an opportunity comes that they are prepared to take it."

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• *New signing Michael Collins played for just over an hour during Oxford United's 1-0 win over Oxford City on Tuesday (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

Merritt optimistic despite City defeat

OXFORD City manager Justin Merritt said he was pleased with his players despite a 1-0 defeat to Oxford United in their first pre-season game on Tuesday.

Tyrone Marsh's second half penalty was the difference between the two sides while Mark Scott made a fine save to deny Danny Hylton.

However, City had a few chances themselves with both Javi Rodriguez and Felipe Barcelos stinging the palms of Max Crocombe.

Merritt said: "There was a number of good performances. I'm really pleased.

"We had to work really hard and we haven't done a lot of team shape so there was some problems.

"We have done a lot of work with the ball (in training) but it is different when you have got a professional team moving it very sharply.

"I felt at times our starting positions were not quite right so they made it harder for themselves but for getting that match sharpness there's no substitute for minutes under your belt."

City travel to Wantage Town on Saturday.

• *Declan Benjamin and Javi Rodriguez try to stop Aidan Hawtin (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

Freds concede three in their pre-season opener

IT was a disappointing first pre-season match for Wantage Town on Tuesday night, as they lost at home to Hungerford Town 3-0.

The Freds made a rusty start when goalkeeper Gareth Tucker was beaten by Joshua Parsons just two minutes into the match.

Parsons connected with a long ball to put Hungerford into the lead, which was almost doubled moments later as Ian Herring's shot was tipped past the post.

Richie Guy had Wantage's first real attempt with a long range effort, and on 19 minutes Jimmy Deabill should have scored from a corner but headed just wide of the goal.

Four minutes before half-time, Hungerford extended their lead as Aaron Brown knocked the ball under Tucker.

The second half was relatively quiet until Hungerford took advantage of a misplaced pass, with Luke Hooper making it 3-0 with just five minutes remaining.

It could have been more, but Tucker cleared a shot off the line before a shot from the visitors' struck the bar.

Wantage return to action this evening against Southern League Premier side Burnham FC, where they will be hoping for a better result.

Sport Bites

Loss for Oxford

OXFORD Rugby League endured a heavy defeat on Sunday, as they were beaten at Henley Hawks' ground by York City Knights 58-16.

The match was moved to Henley following pitch renovation works at Oxford's Iffley Road home, and marked their seventh defeat in their last eight games.

They now have a week off before they face a trip to Gateshead Thunder, to be played on July 27.

No luck for Eddie

IT was another tough weekend for Abingdon golfer Eddie Pepperell, who missed the cut at the Scottish Open.

Rounds of 75 and 74 last Thursday and Friday gave Pepperell a score of seven over par, meaning he missed the cut by five shots.

He has now missed the cut in three of the last four tournaments he has played in, and did not qualify for the Open Championship, which gets underway in Liverpool today.

First fixtures

OXFORD Harlequins rugby union team have announced three pre-season matches ahead of their National League 3 South West campaign, which starts in September.

They will host Grove in their first friendly on August 13, before trips to Brighton on August 23 and Broadstreet on August 30.

Harlequins' first league fixture is against Bournemouth at home on September 6.

Bronze for Greves in Switzerland

OXFORD rower Katie Greves won bronze with the GB women's eight crew after a solid race at the rowing World Cup III in Lucerne, Switzerland, on Sunday.

Greves kept her place in the squad after the crew's bronze medal winning efforts in France last month.

And the squad were involved in a race-long battle with the Romanian team for second-place in Switzerland, narrowly losing by less than a quarter of a second.

Following the race, Greves said: "We wanted to get a good start and then move into a good rhythm. Whilst I think we did that, we obviously need to work on it more."

Meanwhile, fellow Oxford rowers Brianna Stubbs and Olivia Carnegie-Brown both competed in the open weight women's quadruple sculls event in two separate crews.

Carnegie-Brown managed to take the win in the B final with her team, while Stubbs' squad followed in second.

Sir David Tanner, performance director for the GB Rowing Team, said: "It was a very positive day. We have laid a very good base for our world championships campaign in Amsterdam."

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SECOND WIN FOR DIDCOT

New formation works a treat as Diddy beat Milton 5-2 in friendly

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DIDCOT Town continued their positive preparations for the new season with a 5-2 win over Milton United on Tuesday night.

Ryan Brooks (2) James Organ, John Mills and Sam Elkins were all on the scoresheet as Diddy recorded their second win in pre-season.

The victory came just three days after a 2-0 win over Highworth Town, and joint manager Ian Concannon was pleased with what he saw at Milton despite trying a new 3-4-3 formation at Potash Lane.

"We just wanted to try something different to see what we were like going forward like that and also what we would be like defensively," he said.

"Games like these are ideal to try things like that.

"It seemed to work fine but it was just a pre-season game and an opportunity to try something different."

Didcot welcome Oxford United to the Loop Meadow Stadium on Saturday and Concannon hinted that he is likely to revert back to 4-4-2.

"We wont be using that formation on Saturday," he continued.

"Oxford will cause us totally different problems to Milton.

"No disrespect to them, but it is a full-time side we are talking about.

"We haven't decided on what we are going to do but we won't be playing that formation, that is for sure."

Meanwhile, Pablo Haysham has re-signed for the club and Concannon said he was "chuffed" the striker has put pen to paper.

He added: "Pablo brings something different to the table.

"He is a good footballer, a good lad and has great ability and can win a game on his own if he wants to.

"We're chuffed that he has signed."

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• *Pablo Haysham, in action last season, has re-signed for Didcot Town (Picture by Roger Neal)*

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